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Better days: More cash in county budget

By **TOM GIAMBRONI**
Staff Writer

LISBON — This is shaping up to be a pretty good year financially for Columbiana County commissioners, which is why most officeholders will receive additional funding next year.

Commissioners on Wednesday adopted a 2013 general fund budget totaling \$18.1 million, an increase of \$700,000 over the \$17.4 million 2012 budget that reduced spending for most offices by 5 percent.

The budget has historically been a starting point, based on how much revenue the county auditor esti-

mates will come in that year. Actual spending and revenue almost always exceed the figure by the end of the year, and 2012 was no exception.

The 2012 budget of \$17.4 million, for example, appropriated every penny in general fund revenue the county was certified to receive this year, according to the county auditor's office. As of Dec. 10, general fund revenue had reached \$23.1 million, with spending totaling \$21.8 million. Next year should be no different.

"We did better than anticipated last year, and we want to thank the

other officeholders for working with us," said Commission Chairman Mike Halleck.

Commissioners are using \$55,000 in additional revenue to pay off three loans for equipment purchases one year early and \$450,000 to pay the November-December bills for the company that operates the county jail.

"I don't want to go into next year with a lot of bills," he said.

The budget also sets aside another \$500,000 to cover unanticipated claims made under the county's self-funded employee health insurance

plan.

The 2013 budget provides significant budget increases for two offices in particular: \$100,000 extra for the sheriff's office and an additional \$120,000 for the prosecutor's office.

Halleck said they were fulfilling a promise to add \$100,000 to the sheriff's budget when additional funding came available. As for the prosecutor's office, the additional funding was to help offset the loss of two grants that were used to pay for programs within the office.

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Buckeye Christmas program

Students demonstrate their dance moves, above, during the Salem Buckeye Elementary School First Grade Christmas Program Wednesday night. Some classes wore Santa hats, some dressed like snowmen with their winter hats and some wore reindeer antlers to sing in the season. Right, Music director Jaccie Samu wishes one of her first graders good luck as the students file into the gymnasium. Additional photo, 5A. (Salem News photos by Mary Ann Greier)



ODOT seeks input on South Range work

By **KEVIN HOWELL**
Staff Writer

BEAVER TOWNSHIP— The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Tuesday night hosted a public involvement meeting at the South Range Local K-12 Campus, providing the public with information regarding a proposed project at the school facility and soliciting feedback from residents.

The Eastgate Regional Council of Governments in February announced that it had secured \$1.6 million to install left turn lanes in the north and south bound lanes at the entrances to the K-12 campus and the athletic facility located on opposite sides of the roadway, as well as building a pedestrian tunnel under the roadway to provide safe access between the facilities.

The purpose of the project is to improve the flow of traffic and increase pedestrian safety, according to material provided by ODOT. It is tentatively scheduled to be bid out in May and completed next summer.

According to Project Manager Lisa Bose, ODOT officials must respond to all comments submitted by Dec. 28 before moving forward with the plans. So far reaction has been minimal, Bose said, noting that the project is relatively small with the only right-of-way coming from the school.

See RANGE, 5A

Wreath to pay homage to veterans

By **MARY ANN GREIER**
Staff Writer

SALEM — The Salem Memorial & Patriotic Association will hold a wreath laying ceremony at 11 a.m. Saturday on the Village Green at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and State Street to pay homage to veterans.

"We felt it was appropriate to do this in remembrance of those people who have given their lives for our country," Patriotic Events Chairman Sam McKinney said.

The first-ever wreath laying event at the veterans memorial will coincide with Wreaths Across America Day, when the annual Wreaths Across America convoy reaches its final destination, Arlington National Cemetery, from its starting point in the state of Maine.

The wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery began in December 1992 when Maine businessman Morrill Worcester had a surplus of wreaths made with live greenery for the holidays and decided to honor deceased veterans.

The sight of row after row of simple white headstones evokes enough emotion on its own at Arlington. The green wreaths adorned with red bows laying against those headstones evoke even more emotion.

Wreaths Across America is now a nonprofit

organization which has expanded the wreath laying ceremony beyond the borders of Arlington National Cemetery to locations across the country.

The event in Salem will feature a prayer and the AMVETS Post 45 Honor Guard to escort the wreath, which Mayor John Berlin is scheduled to place. The public is invited to attend.

"We need to support patriotism and those events that remind us to gratefully remember the sacrifice that has been paid by the veterans of our country," McKinney said.

The Salem Memorial & Patriotic Association plans the annual Salem Memorial Day parade and ceremony and previously sponsored the Fourth of July fireworks until the event became too cost prohibitive for the association.

"People need to be reminded for the freedoms we enjoy today, freedom is not free. The sacrifice has been paid by our veterans. We take it for granted," he said.

McKinney said they're hoping to be able to continue the wreath laying ceremony in the future and perhaps decorate the graves of veterans who have died.

To learn more about Wreaths Across America, visit the group's website at www.wreath-acrossamerica.org.

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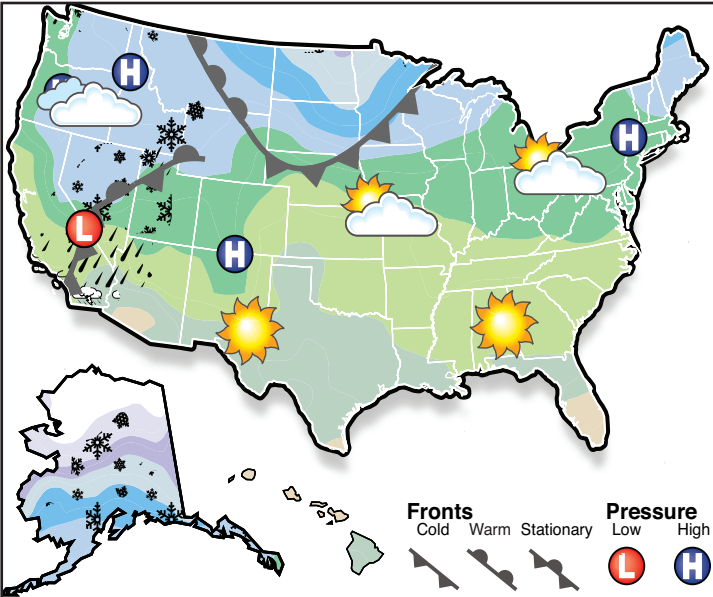
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WEATHER

THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Friday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 30. Saturday...Partly sunny with a chance of rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s. Saturday night...Rain showers likely. Lows in the upper 30s. Sunday...Cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the mid 40s. Sunday night...Cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Monday...Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Highs in the lower 40s. Monday night...Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Lows in the upper 20s. Tuesday...Cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Highs around 40. Tuesday night...Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday...Cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s.

CLEVELAND: Today...Sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Friday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s. Saturday night...Showers likely. Near steady temperature in the lower 40s. Sunday...Cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs in the mid 40s. Sunday night...Cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Monday...Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Highs in the lower 40s. Monday night...Cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the lower 40s. Tuesday night...Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Near steady temperature in the mid 30s. Wednesday...Cloudy. Near steady temperature in the mid 30s.



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Today's Forecast

Forecast for Thursday, Dec. 13

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Cleveland •
45° | 30°

Youngstown •
46° | 25°

Mansfield •
46° | 23°

Dayton •
45° | 25°

★Columbus •
46° | 27°

Cincinnati •
48° | 27°

Portsmouth •
45° | 25°

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Partly Cloudy

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Showers

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Rain

Flurries

Snow

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ALMANAC

Today is Thursday, Dec. 13, the 348th day of 2012. There are 18 days left in the year. Ten years ago: Cardinal Bernard Law resigned as Boston archbishop because of the priest sex abuse scandal. Five years ago: Democratic presidential hopefuls meeting in Johnston, Iowa, called for higher taxes on the highest-paid Americans and on big corporations in an unusually cordial debate.

Brie injection site in North Lima

Work is continuing on the final phase of D&L Energy Group's brine injection well off state Route 7 in North Lima. The improvement plans, which include installing a cement footer at the bottom of the well, have been approved by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. D&L does not expect to begin using the well until early next year. (Salem News photo by Patti Schaeffer)

NATION/WORLD

Official: Syria fires Scud missiles from Damascus at insurgents to north

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Syrian government forces have fired Scud missiles at insurgents in recent days, escalating the 2-year-old conflict against rebels seeking to overthrow the regime, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, two officials said forces of President Bashar Assad have fired the missiles from the Damascus area into northern Syria. These officials asked not to be named because they weren't authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

News of the missiles came on the same day that more than 100 countries, including the United States, recognized a new Syrian opposition coalition. That has further isolated Assad's regime and opened a way for greater humanitarian assistance to the forces battling to oust him.

One official said there was no indication that chemical weapons were aboard the missiles. Officials have said over the past week that they feared rebel advances were prompting Assad to consider using chemical weapons.

This official estimated that the number of Scuds fired was more than a half dozen, confirming details first reported by The New York Times.

NKoreans dance in streets to celebrate satellite; US demands consequences

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — In Pyongyang, North Koreans clinked beer mugs and danced in the streets to celebrate the country's first satellite in space. In Washington, Seoul and Tokyo, leaders pushed for consequences for Wednesday's successful rocket launch, widely seen as a test that takes the country one step closer to being capable of lobbing nuclear bombs over the Pacific.

The surprising, successful launch of a three-stage rocket — similar in design to a model capable of carrying a nuclear-tipped warhead as far as California — raises the stakes in the international standoff over North Korea's expanding atomic arsenal. As Pyongyang refines its technology, its next step may be conducting its third nuclear test, experts warn.

The U.N. Security Council, which has punished North

Korea repeatedly for developing its nuclear program, condemned the launch after a closed-door meeting Wednesday and said it will urgently consider "an appropriate response."

The White House called the launch a "highly provocative act that threatens regional security," and even the North's most important ally, China, expressed regret.

In Pyongyang, however, pride over the scientific advancement outweighed the fear of greater international isolation and punishment. North Korea, though struggling to feed its people, is now one of the few countries to have successfully launched a working satellite into space from its own soil; bitter rival South Korea is not on the list, though it has tried.

"It's really good news," North Korean citizen Jon Il Gwang told The Associated Press as he and scores of other Pyongyang residents poured into the streets after a noon announcement to celebrate the launch by dancing in the snow.

"It clearly testifies that our country has the capability to enter into space."

Egypt opposition to vote "no" in referendum, but crisis unlikely to go away

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's opposition called on its followers Wednesday to vote "no" in a crucial referendum on a disputed constitution drafted by Islamist supporters of President Mohammed Morsi.

The decision came as Morsi's government forged ahead with its own plan, starting overseas voting in diplomatic missions for expatriates.

The moves reinforced the atmosphere of a nation in crisis, deeply divided over whether Egypt might move toward Islamic theocracy or retain its secular traditions. More opposition protests were planned, judges remained on strike and there were concerns of further economic disarray after Egypt delayed a \$4.8 billion IMF loan needed to revive the economy.

Wednesday's call for a "no" vote followed a prolonged debate within the opposition over whether to boycott the referendum — a threat that still hung in the air as the anti-Morsi camp laid down its conditions for participation.

These included full judicial supervision, independent and international monitors, and adequate security. If they were

not met, Morsi's opponents said, the opposition would call a last-minute boycott.

Venezuelan official says Chavez may not return in time for Jan. 10 inauguration

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Information Minister Ernesto Villegas warned Venezuelans on Wednesday that ailing President Hugo Chavez may not be well enough after his fourth cancer-related surgery in Cuba to be inaugurated on Jan. 10.

Moving to prepare the public for the possibility of more bad news, Vice President Nicolas Maduro looked grim earlier in the day when he acknowledged that Chavez faced a "complex and hard" process after his latest surgery.

At the same time, the officials strove to show a united front amid the growing worries about Chavez's health and the country's future.

In an apparent symbolic show of unity, Maduro was flanked by National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello and Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez during his television appearance.

Analysts say Maduro could eventually face challenges in trying to hold together the president's diverse "Chavismo" movement, which includes groups from radical leftists to moderates, as well as military factions.

California Gov. Jerry Brown undergoing radiation treatment for prostate cancer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California Gov. Jerry Brown is being treated with radiation for early stage prostate cancer, his office announced Wednesday. The 74-year-old Brown is receiving a short course of conventional radiotherapy for "localized prostate cancer," the statement said.

Brown's "prognosis is excellent, and there are not expected to be any significant side effects," University of California, San Francisco oncologist Eric Small said in the statement. Small is Brown's oncologist.

The radiation treatment will be completed the week of Jan. 7 — nearly four weeks from now — and Brown will continue to work a full schedule, the statement said.

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OUR SIDE

Obama's plan would speed fall off 'fiscal cliff'

The nation may continue its ongoing plunge over a fiscal cliff even if President Barack Obama and conservatives in Congress agree on a budget deal this month. That is because the White House's bottom line in negotiations is far removed from the reality of the dilemma into which we Americans have spent ourselves.

Most news stories, commentators and politicians define the "fiscal cliff" as what will happen if Obama and lawmakers do not reach some agreement on the budget by Dec. 31. If a deal is not arranged, tax relief dating back to former President George W. Bush's term will expire. And, automatic federal spending cuts termed "the sequester" will kick in.

Indeed, failure to renew the tax breaks would wreck the economy. Virtually every American who pays income taxes would be hit by a stiff increase.

But if there is such a thing as a "fiscal cliff," the nation started over it years ago, when runaway federal spending began ballooning the national debt. It now stands at more than \$16 trillion.

Obama's offer on a budget plan includes \$1.6 trillion in tax increases during the next decade. But during that period, he is proposing only about \$450 billion in spending cuts - slightly more than one-fourth the amount of tax increases.

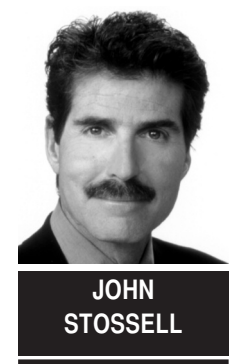
We have already plunged over the "cliff." If adopted, Obama's plan would merely accelerate our fall. Lawmakers should reject it.



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Government gone bad: 'Politicians must do something!'



JOHN STOSSELL

hear the pundits declare that progress was made. Bipartisanship! Something got *done*. We assume a problem was solved.

Intuition tells us that government is in the problem-solving business, and so the more laws passed, the better off we are. The possibility that *fewer* laws could leave us better off is hard to grasp. Kids visiting Washington don't ask their congressmen, "What laws did you repeal?" It's always, "What did you pass?"

And so they pass and pass -- a thousand pages of proposed new rules each week -- and for every rule, there's an unintended consequence, or several.

It's one reason America has been unusually slow to recover from the Great Reces-

sion. After previous recessions, employers quickly resumed hiring. Not this time. The unemployment rate is still near 8 percent. It only fell last month because people stopped looking for jobs.

Dan Mitchell of the Cato Institute understands what's happening.

"Add up all the regulations and red tape, all the government spending, all the tax increases we're about to get -- you can understand why entrepreneurs think: 'Maybe I don't want to hire people. ... I want to keep my company small. I don't want to give health insurance, because then I'm stuck with all the Obamacare mandates.'" We can see our future in Europe -- unless we change. Ann Jolis, who covers European labor issues for The Wall Street Journal, watches how government-imposed work rules sabotage economies.

"The minimum guaranteed annual vacation in Europe is 20 days paid vacation a year. ... In France, it starts at 25 guaranteed days off. ... This summer, the European Court of Justice ... gave workers the right to a vacation do-over. ... You spend the last eight days of your vacation laid up with a sprained ankle ... eight days automatically go into your sick leave. ... You get a vacation do-over."

Such benefits appeal to workers, who don't realize that the goodies come out of their wages. The unemployed don't realize

that such rules deter employers from hiring them in the first place.

In Italy, some work rules kick in once a company has more than 10 employees, so companies have an incentive not to hire an 11th employee. Businesses stay small. People stay unemployed.

"European workers have the right ... to gainful unemployment," says Jolis.

Both European central planners and liberal politicians in America are clueless about what really helps workers: a free economy.

The record is clear. Central planners failed, in the Soviet Union, in Cuba, at the U.S. Postal Service and in America's public schools, and now they stifle growth in Europe and America. Central planning stops innovation.

Yet for all that failure, whenever another crisis (real or imagined) hits, the natural instinct is to say, "Politicians must do something."

In my town, unions and civil rights groups demand a higher minimum wage. That sounds good to people. Everyone will get a raise!

The problem is in what is not seen. I can interview the guy who got a raise. I can't interview workers who are never offered jobs because the minimum wage or high union pay scales "protected" those jobs out of existence.

The benefit of government *leaving us alone* is rarely intuitive.

Because companies just want to make a buck, it's logical to assume that only government rules assure workers' safety. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration sets safety standards for factories, and OSHA officials proudly point out that workplace deaths have dropped since it opened its doors.

Thank goodness for government, right? Well, not so fast. Go back a few years before OSHA, and we find that workplace deaths were dropping just as fast.

Workers are safer today because we are richer, and richer societies care more about safety. Even greedy employers take safety precautions if only because it's expensive to replace workers who are hurt!

Government is like the person who gets in front of a parade and pretends to lead it.

In a free society, things get better on their own -- if government will only allow it.

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Debt-ceiling nonsense once again



FROMA HARROP

Nothing like a debt-ceiling brawl to raise the public's anxiety levels. The Republican threat two summers ago to let America default on its borrowing helped lower America's credit rating and sent consumer confidence back into intensive care. The people were not amused.

Consumer confidence dove again this month, as shoppers feared a jump over the "fiscal cliff" would undo their economic gains. We refer to the

deep spending cuts and tax hikes that Republicans agreed to as a condition of their not sending the United States into default.

As the parties wrestle over these numbers -- which would pull massive amounts of money out of a still-delicate economy -- Republicans insist on bringing in the brass knuckles of another debt-ceiling fight. They should desist for America's sake, and for theirs.

If the country careens over the so-called fiscal cliff, most Americans are prepared to blame Republicans, according to polls. A weak economy, or any economy, is no time to start playing games with the full faith and credit of the United States.

Since 1960, Congress has raised the debt ceiling 78 times, 49 of them under Republican presidents. The government should hit its \$16.4 trillion borrowing limit sometime before New Year's Eve. With the fiscal cliff weighing heavy, can we skip a traumatic debate over the debt ceiling?

The Grand Old Party risks reversing progress on rebuilding trust that it can do sound fiscal policy. Republican House members had wisely authorized Speaker John Boehner, a dealmaker, to actually speak for them in budget talks. Meanwhile, more Republican leaders are suggesting that additional tax revenues -- even possibly, maybe, higher marginal income tax rates for the rich -- should go on the table.

Also, tea party militant Jim DeMint is leaving the

Senate for the plush Heritage Foundation, where the South Carolina Republican will be making noise, rather than laws. Good for his heirs, good for the party, good for the country. Given all these positive developments, it makes no sense for Republicans to resume thinking the unthinkable out loud.

That's why, when Obama started warning Republicans not to play debt-ceiling chicken, I thought it was all politics. They had no intention of trying that stunt again, did they?

Well, old habits, including bad ones, die hard. Obama proposed to make raising the federal debt limit an automatic thing, thus lifting one terrifying possibility off our shoulders, and Republicans said no.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell held that reassuring the world that America would not default on its debt is "a power grab" by the president. "It gives the president of the United States unilateral power to raise the limit on the federal credit card, the so-called debt ceiling, whenever he wants, for as much as he wants," the Kentucky Republican said, with Boehner nodding.

Let the jury note that the numbers on the federal credit card were put there by Congress. If McConnell and Boehner don't like that number, and few people do, the way to lower it is to spend less and raise more revenues. It is not to imply that America might not pay back the money it's already borrowed. The world's markets, and MasterCard, frown on that sort of thing.

The unpopularity of this stance was reflected in Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner's blunt remark last week: "We are not prepared to have the American economy held hostage to periodic threats that Republicans will force our country to default on our obligations."

With the fiscal cliff spooking an already stressed public, ending the reckless debt-ceiling debate would seem an act of mercy. Must we put a request not to blow up the American economy in writing?

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OTHER VOICES

The (Canton) Repository, Dec. 5

Did you know that Ohio is the only state that allows individual municipalities to set their own guidelines when it comes to tax codes? That means Canton can have a different set of rules for what is considered taxable income than, say, Massillon or North Canton.

That's an unnecessary mess for businesses that operate in different parts of the state, which face different rules -- and more administrative costs navigating those rules -- every direction they look.

Give credit to the state Legislature ... for considering House Bill 601, which would create uniform rules for taxation across Ohio.

Finally, the state would be in line with the other 49. That's a good thing for businesses.

Of course, the problem with a one-size-fits-all solution ... is that size isn't particularly flattering on some.

It's of no surprise that the plan doesn't fly with Canton Mayor William J. Healy III or Massillon Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry. The bill co-sponsors are Republicans; the mayors are Democrats.

The mayors (are) suggesting that it's a favor to special interests instead of a solution to the different sets of rules in Ohio municipalities. One of their points -- well taken -- is that Ohio's municipalities, in light of plenty of cuts in local government funding, are scratching for every penny. This bill likely would change that revenue stream yet again.

A uniform tax code would be great for this state -- hallelujah for a pro-business climate -- but here's hoping the Republicans in the Legislature listen to Democrats' concerns. Further gutting our local governments is not the way to get there.

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Crestview brings sick student into classroom with computer link

By DEANNE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

NEW WATERFORD — Just one more way technology is improving people's lives was demonstrated recently in a Crestview kindergarten classroom.

Dan Hill, special education director, explained to the school board Wednesday that a health issue had kept a kindergarten student out for three weeks. The school followed its usual protocol, sending a home instructor to help keep the student caught up with his peers. The problem was, the student was missing out on the socialization of being with other students.

Utilizing Skype, district technologies coordinator Darryl Miller was able to hook the student up through a computer right into his classroom. He was able to interact with the teacher and the students.

"It was one more instances where the staff stepped up to make a youngster feel part of the class," Hill said, adding if he could not come to school it was a way of taking the school to the child.

Hill said Miller still has some additional ideas to improve the experience for the child for whatever time he must be away from his classroom.

Board member John Garwood called what they did "huge," noting things have improved vastly from 11 years ago when a student forced to stay home with an illness could only send an e-mail to their teacher.

In another technology advancement, those with smart phones can now use a mobile-friendly version of the school's website. Although it does not have all the bells and whistles of the regular website, it is easier to see from a smart phone screen. It still provides the basic information such as upcoming events, announcements and the lunch menu. Miller said he is still improving the mobile site, which became available just this week.

In other matters before the board:

- The board approved pay rates for those assisting at athletic events and appointed people to several of the paid positions. The board also approved two people, Andris Baltputnis and Jess Leon as volunteer announcers.
- Maintenance supervisor Jay Radman said the district operates on two deep water wells, but one is not producing well. He suggested in the spring or summer it may be something the board will have to address.
- A mother questioned the board about the school's policy regarding her son's injury. The boy reportedly broke his hand, but remained at school for the day until he went home. The mother questioned why she was not called about his injury. It was not apparent whether teachers or others at the school knew the hand was broken.
- Amber Biser and Austin Eskra were named high school students of the month.
- The next meeting of the board will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, with the annual budget hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. The board will reorganize for the year at 7 p.m., just prior to the regular meeting.

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Leetonia woman faces forgery charges

LISBON — Dorothy M. Heck-Crago, 39, Butcher Road, Leetonia, was served a secret indictment on 10 counts of forgery charges.

According to court documents, Heck-Crago wrote 10 checks from the account of Shirley J. Johanson, an elderly woman, between July 13 and Sept. 24. The checks were each written for between \$1,000 and \$7,500.

The indictment was issued by the Columbiana County Common Pleas Court grand jury in November.

East Liverpool man pleads guilty to laundromat thefts, vandalism

Staff Reports

LISBON — An East Liverpool man accused of damaging machines in two laundromats to obtain coins last February pleaded guilty in Columbiana County Common Pleas Court on Wednesday.

James L. Beebout, 42, Densmore Avenue, East Liverpool, pleaded to charges of receiving stolen property, two counts of breaking and entering and two counts of vandalism.

Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Weikart said Beebout entered both the Splish Splash Laundry on Calcutta Smith Ferry Road and Dale's Laundromat, St. Clair Avenue, East Liverpool, on Feb. 21. While inside the establishments Beebout damaged washing machines, dryers, money changers, a soap dispenser and a pop machine.

He took the change he obtained at the laundromats and turned it in using the Coinstar machine at Giant Eagle. Some of Beebout's crimes were reportedly caught on video surveillance.

Both laundry businesses are owned by Wilbert Krafft and in both cases damages was listed at \$1,000 or more.

Additionally, Beebout was accused of having a stolen pickup belonging to Terry House, also on Feb. 21. Weikart said Beebout was driving the pickup while committing the crimes.

Weikart said he will ask for seven months concurrent on each of the vandalism and breaking and entering charges. However, he will ask for 12 months to be served consecutively on the receiving stolen property charge. Additionally, Beebout reportedly agreed to pay restitution to both Krafft and House.

Beebout's defense attorney Kelly Linger indicated she will ask for a lesser sentence. A pre-sentencing investigation was ordered and sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 15.

Shhhh! A new law says TV ads can't blare anymore

NEW YORK (AP) — TV viewing could soon sound a little calmer. The CALM Act, which limits the volume of TV commercials, goes into effect on Thursday.

CALM stands for Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation. The act is designed to prevent TV commercials from blaring at louder volumes than the program content they accompany. The rules govern broadcasters as well as cable and satellite operators.

The rules are meant to protect viewers from excessively loud commercials.

The Federal Communications Commission adopted the rules a year ago, but gave the industry a one-year grace period to adopt them.

BUDGET FROM 1A

"The prosecutor is getting more money but probably not as much as he needs to make up for the loss of the grants," he said.

There are several reasons for the significant increase in general fund revenue, with the first being the \$3.2 million received from leasing county property for shale gas development, although \$1.5 million of that immediately went to help resolve the East Liverpool-versus-Buckeye Water District lawsuit.

The other two big reasons: County sales tax collections are up by \$1.4 million over 2011 levels through November, and the county also has received \$275,000 in first-time casino tax revenue from the state.

Commissioners attributed the 11.5 percent spike in sales tax revenue to residents spending some of the money received from leasing their property for shale gas development. Halleck expects the boom from lease spending to taper off.

"I don't look for that to go up a lot. We'd be happy if it just stayed the same," he said.

The 2013 budget did not include any funding for the county office on aging or the fair board, but Halleck said they will eventually provide them with some money, as they have in past years.

"We'll get money to them later. We're not going to forget about them," he said.

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Christmas classics
A group of young reindeer sing a Christmas classic for their parents and family members at Buckeye Elementary School in Salem during their first grade music program, directed by Jaccie Samu and accompanied by Sandy Huston. (Salem News photo by Mary Ann Greier)

Volunteer seeks photos, stories of Leetonia coke ovens for book

By KEVIN HOWELL
Staff Writer

LEETONIA— Photographs and stories about the village's history are being sought for a history booklet that will be used to help secure grants and raise funds for the Cherry Valley Beehive Coke Ovens restoration project.

Justin Hite, an Americorps VISTA volunteer interning with the village for a year, is developing a comprehensive and accurate history of the village and the Coke Ovens as part of the continuous project to improve the Coke Oven site. He said he is currently working on research and verifying stories, and is encouraging community members to share any stories or photographs.

Hite said he does not need to keep the original photos, explaining that they will be copied and then the owner will fill out a form granting permission for its use in publishing. Anyone with something to share can stop by Village Hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or e-mail leetonia-cokeovens@gmail.com.

According to Hite, the early history of the village was written in the early 20th century and is big and dense and not reader friendly. He said he hopes to make a more contemporary book that is easily accessible, a good resource for the majority of people in the community.

"We want a nice product, something people will want to read or might want to spend money on to help raise funds for the Coke Ovens," he said.

In addition to raising funds for the restoration project, the book will ultimately be used to assist in securing grant money, Hite explained.

"It should show the rich cultural history of the area," he said. "[Organizations] like to see a little bit about the area that would be getting the money."

The book is likely to be self-published by the village, depending on the final product, Hite said, noting that he hopes to have it completed before the end of February.

Hite arrived in Leetonia last month and is scheduled to remain until Nov. 18, 2013. His main objective is to secure grants to support the master plan presented in May by last year's intern, Marin Braco, which includes full and partial restoration of ovens, multiple ecological habitats and a variety of minerals for walking trails.

For information about the Coke Ovens project visit "Leetonia Beehive Coke Ovens" on Facebook or follow @LeetoniaOvens on Twitter.

Kevin Howell can be reached at khowell@salemnews.net

RANGE FROM 1A

With ODOT and Eastgate funding the project, schools Superintendent Dennis Dunham said he has only had positive feedback.

"The funding is 100 percent non-school funding, so the project only benefits us," he said.

Anyone wishing to submit a comment on the project should print their name, address and phone number, indicate support or opposition to the project and provide their comment on a piece of paper and mail it to Mr. Anthony M. Urankar, District 4 Deputy Director, Attn: Mr. David Sicker P.E., District 4 Planning Engineer, Ohio Department of Transportation, 2088 S. Arlington Road, Akron OH 44306-4243.

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Whitney Houston was the “top trending” search of the year, according to a Google re-

Avon Products plans to cut about 1,500 jobs and exit two Asian markets, as the struggling beauty products seller begins a broad restructuring plan in an effort to turn around results. The job cuts amount to almost 4 percent of its workforce and mark one of the first major moves by CEO Sheri McCoy. McCoy was brought on in April to replace longtime CEO Andrea Jung at Avon, a direct seller of beauty products like Skin So Soft lotion and Mark cosmetics.

Fed policymakers are hopeful that the crisis can be resolved without significant long-term

The Fed said it can pursue the aggressive stimulus programs because inflation remains below its target of roughly 2 percent annually over the long run. The statement said officials think the Fed can keep its benchmark short-term rate near zero as long as its one- to two-year inflation outlook doesn't exceed 2.5 percent.

Asset	NAV	Chg	YTD	Asset	NAV	Chg	YTD
American Century				Fed Frank-Frank			
				Fed TFA A m	12.92	-0.02	+10.2
				Frank Temp-Franklin			
EquinVn	7.89	+0.01	+17.7	CAT FTA A m	7.62	-0.02	+11.3
GrowthInv	27.99	+0.04	+13.9	HY FTA A m	11.11	-0.02	+12.6
Ultravln	26.21	-0.03	+14.4	Income A m	2.23	+0.01	+13.2
American Funds				Income C m	2.25	+0.12	5
AMCAPA m	21.69	+0.03	+15.7	IncomeAdv	2.22	+0.01	+14.0
BALa m	20.48	+0.02	+14.1	NY FTA A m	12.29	-0.02	+7.8
BondPa m	12.96	-0.02	+5.9	RisDv A m	37.79	-0.05	+10.2
CapInVn	53.61	+0.08	+12.0	US Gov A m	6.81	...	+1.4
CPWidGABA m	20.21	-0.01	+6.7	Frank Temp-Mutual			
CWPidGABA m	37.26	+0.09	+18.5	Discov A m	30.25	+0.05	+13.2
EurPerGArC m	41.46	+0.06	+17.9	Discov Z	30.71	+0.05	+13.5
FlntInVn A m	40.97	+0.09	+20.0	Discov Z	22.76	+0.04	+14.8
GrtInArM A m	34.52	+0.07	+20.2	Frank Temp-Temporary			
HilncA m	11.37	+0.01	+14.2	GIBond C A m	13.67	+0.02	+14.6
IncrMerA m	18.25	+0.01	+12.0	GIBond C A m	13.70	+0.03	+14.3
InclInArM A m	13.77	-0.01	+2.7	GIBondAdv	13.63	+0.02	+14.9
InclInArM A m	30.86	-0.01	+10.5	Growth A m	19.55	+0.12	+20.0
IntMutA m	28.58	+0.01	+12.4	ENG			
NewEconA m	29.17	+0.10	+22.7	GMV	11.66	-0.07	+13.4
NewPerspA m	31.39	+0.05	+20.0	IntVnVt	20.89	+0.17	+14.8
NwWrdA m	54.27	+0.11	+17.7	Quill	23.59	-0.05	+13.1
ScmPwIdA m	39.72	-0.02	+19.7	Harbor			
TaxEdbArM A m	13.31	-0.02	+10.0	Bond	13.09	-0.01	+9.1
WAMutInVn A m	31.52	+0.03	+12.8	CapApInst	42.42	-0.06	+15.0
Arden				IntInstit d	62.35	+0.14	+18.9
IntInl d	24.56	+0.06	+23.9	Hardford			
IntInl d	30.52	+0.13	+21.6	CapApInst	43.44	...	+16.8
MidCapInv	21.77	+0.01	+12.3	ConstockA m	17.67	+0.04	+18.0
BlackRock				EqlncomeA m	9.18	...	+12.8
EqDVd A x	19.96	-0.10	+12.3	Ivy			
EqDVd x	20.00	-0.11	+12.6	AssetStrc m	26.18	+0.16	+17.6
GlobAlca m	19.71	+0.03	+9.3	AssetStrc m	25.26	+0.15	+16.8
GlobAlca m	18.31	+0.03	+8.5	JPMorgan			
GlobAlca	19.82	+0.03	+9.5	CereBondA m	12.12	-0.02	+9.9
Columbia				HighYieldSelect12	11.02	+0.05	+5.9
AccornInv	40.44	+0.13	+20.3	SHurDnSel	8.21	...	+1.7
DFCZ	29.91	-0.01	+15.8	USJC	23.21	+0.01	+17.6
1Y1Fxnkl x	10.32	-0.03	+0.9	PerkinsMCVT	22.03	+0.03	+9.6
1Y1Fxnkl x	11.16	-0.17	+4.9	JANUS			
EmmKcCap x	19.86	...	+17.3	John Hancock			
EmmKcCap x	20.15	-0.15	+4.9	LiGrB	13.64	+0.01	+13.3
USInScap x	15.44	+0.26	+18.1	LiGrB	13.64	+0.01	+14.5
USUSCQvL x	12.07	-0.19	+10.7	Longfellow			
USUSCQvL x	22.84	+0.06	+20.8	EmgKcEqpt d	19.96	+0.13	+18.8
USMvSall	27.31	-0.18	+18.4	Loomis Sayles			
Davis				LongPart	26.66	-0.01	+16.5
NYVentA m	36.33	+0.08	+11.8	Loomis Sayles			
NYVentY	36.79	+0.09	+12.1	BondI	15.25	+0.02	+14.6
Dimensional Investm				BondR x	15.19	+0.02	+14.3
IntInVn	10.40	-0.02	+15.8	Lab Abbott			
IntInVn	15.75	+0.09	+15.8	AlfA m	12.01	+0.03	+15.3
IntInVn	16.30	+0.13	+13.5	SHurDnCA m	4.65	...	+6.4
Dodge & Cox				SHurDnCA m	6.88	...	+5.7

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I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WORKING AT THE POST OFFICE WOULD BE MY LIFE'S WORK...

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SOUP TO NUTS

WHAT'RE YOU WATCHING?

"KOALA MAN."

IT'S ABOUT A GUY WHO LIVES AMONG KOALA BEARS... KINDA BORING.

NOW "GREAT WHITE SHARK MAN"... THAT WOULD BE INTERESTING.

CRANKSHAFT

I TWEETED ABOUT YOU AND FRIENDED YOU ON MY FACEBOOK PAGE.

SORRY... SANTA DOESN'T SPEAK TECH.

ARLO AND JANIS

THE MAYAN CALENDAR COVERS OVER 5,000 YEARS!

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WELL, OK...

SHOULD WE WAIT TILL JANUARY?

THEY'LL BE PICKED OVER!

BLONDIE

MR. B., WOULD YOU GIVE ME A CHRISTMAS CHARACTER REFERENCE?

HUH? A WHAT?

SEE? I ALREADY WROTE IT... ALL I NEED IS YOUR SIGNATURE

The NAUGHTY OR NICE DEAL MAY BE OVER-RATED... ELMO GAVE IT HIS BEST SHOT... SINCERELY,

MR. B.

I'M ATTACHING IT IN MY E-MAIL TO SANTA... I CAN ONLY HOPE HE'S GRADING ON A CURVE THIS YEAR!

MERRY CHRISTMAS ELMO

BORN LOSER

DON'T LIMIT YOURSELF TO THE TASK AT HAND, THORN-APPLE! ALWAYS KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!

THEN REPORT ANY PERTINENT OBSERVATIONS BACK TO ME! GOT IT? WELL, WHAT DID YOU SEE TODAY?

WHEN YOU WERE YELLING JUST NOW, I NOTICED A BIT OF LETTUCE STUCK IN YOUR BRIDGE!

FOR BETTER OR WORSE

BOY, THAT SURE WAS A NICE PERFUME YOU GOT FOR MOM!

I THOUGHT SO.

DO YOU ALWAYS HAFTA SPRAY IT ON YOUR WRIST FIRST?

UH-HUH.

LOOK-LET'S GET THAT ELEVATOR UP TO THE NEXT FLOOR!

IF ANYONE SMELLS ANYTHING-IT'S MY DAD!

FRANK AND EARNEST

BECAUSE SPHERES ARE EASIER--IT'S A PHYSICS THING.

DILBERT

I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD FOCUS ON MY STRENGTHS OR STRENGTHEN MY WEAKNESSES.

OR SHOULD I HAVE A BIAS FOR ACTION AND NOT WASTE TIME SHARPENING ANY OF MY SKILLS?

WHICH PATH GETS YOU TO DO ACTUAL WORK?

I SENSE A COLDNESS TO YOUR MENTORING.

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STOUMT

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GIL THORPE

IT'S LIKE FOWLER'S ONLY HALF HERE.

IF I WAS HIM, THIS IS WHERE I'D COME TO GET AWAY FROM IT!

GUESS HE'S STILL HAVING TROUBLE WITH... YOU KNOW.

RIGHT, MARTY. MILES PARIS AND RIC DEVORE AT GUARD...

HI AND LOIS

AN ARTIFICIAL TREE IS SAFER AND CHEAPER.

BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE THE FRESH PINE SCENT OF A REAL TREE.

REALLY? I HUNG SOME CAR DEODORIZERS ON IT.

BABYBLUES

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE UPSET TO KNOW THAT YOU WERE A BITER IN PRESCHOOL.

UPSET? NO WAY!

I WAS JUST A KID THEN. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT I DON'T DO IT ANYMORE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS KEEPING THE REPUTATION ALIVE.

HERE'S THE SHARK SHIRT YOU WANTED TO BORROW.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 — Canyon National Park

6 Rochester, Minn., clinic

10 Diadems

12 Leatherery pods

14 Officiate

15 Depends on

16 Drew on glass

18 Response on deck

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21 News article

23 Genre

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26 Penpoints

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31 Gator Bowl st.

33 Large nose

35 Arranges bricks

36 Pregrown lawn

37 Racehorse parent

38 Bygone tyrant

40 Truck front

42 Pentagon VIP

43 Woods insect

45 Smell strongly

47 Tea holder

50 Sun's energy source

52 Matriculate

54 Wanders freely

58 Grommet

59 Rush away

60 Thunder-struck

61 Puts on the payroll

DOWN

1 252 calories

2 Periphery

3 Kennel sound

4 Utters loudly

5 Rare — (metallic elements)

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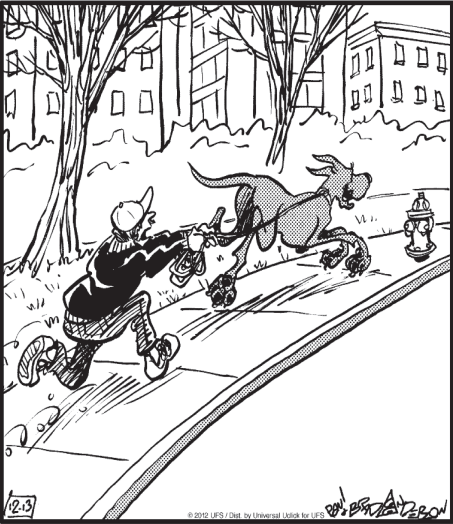
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"Thank goodness ... the next rest stop."

HOROSCOPE

By HOLIDAY MATHIS
12/13/12

Follow the Adventurous New Moon

There are many who would follow the beat of a different drummer if only there were such a drummer. Often the main drummer is playing so loudly that no one else can compete. The New Moon in Sagittarius offers a rest from the main action and the perfect opportunity for a swinging new rhythm master to take the stage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It seems like business as usual until you give it a closer look. There's a subtle development regarding your finances. Take hold of the situation now and you'll avoid problems later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The leaders have all been followers at some point. You may not be sure which role to take. Are you really ready to lead the crew? The fact that you wonder indicates you're the perfect candidate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The plan you're pursuing has a flaw that, though glaring, is difficult to see from the inside. That's why you need an outsider's opinion. Ask the one who's practical and honest.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Humor has its delicacies. No matter what you say, you're going to offend someone. But if you think it's funny, chances are someone else will too. Tonight you're willing to take the risk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Things will move when you're certain. Squeeze out doubt. Be so confident about your decision that you leave no room for other possibilities to come into being.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The world is a giant merry-go-round spinning at over a thousand miles per hour – give or take a few hundred depending on where you are – and you've yet to fly off into space. There are some things you can trust, so trust them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Ignorance may be bliss, but only temporarily because what you don't know could eventually cause harm. So ask for accurate information. Open your eyes and be willing to see the full picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Do you care how much people like you? It depends on the person. Your standing with a certain someone may matter to you a little more today, but try not to act differently – you'll only give that person an unfair advantage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have high expectations of your social life. The party hasn't been up to your standards lately. But the tides are turning. So get out and look around. You just might find some life on this planet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). One of your teammates is causing problems. This may make the group stronger, so don't be too quick to change your lineup. Everyone group needs a challenger to the status quo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The best fixes will be half pragmatic, half fanciful. The hopeful, magical touch you give to relationships will be a healing agent, especially when combined with practical solutions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The problem you've been carrying around is heavy, but you've been carrying it for so long you rarely realize the extra weight. Today is different. You'll start to realize that when this is gone, you'll be mighty relieved.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (DECEMBER 13). Curiosity ignites your spirit of adventure over the next six weeks. Thanks to ever-widening social horizons, you'll explore new worlds close to home and outside your normal experience. Romance and music lift the spring. April brings a lift to your status and financial picture. A deal comes through in June. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 24, 43, 30 and 22.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a 42-year-old Pisces woman who is aging prematurely. I've started caring for my parents who are 85 and 87. My husband, a Capricorn, claims that I now move as slowly as them and have adopted elderly habits. How do I stay young and still give my family the care they need?"

Your husband is very perceptive, as Pisces tend to take on the characteristics of those they are around as a way of understanding and empathizing with others. This is a similar phenomenon to "mirroring," which happens naturally between people who feel an affinity for one another. Either consciously or unconsciously people will reflect and imitate the body language of those they like.

Your husband may also be feeling somewhat jealous of the attention you give your parents. He may be giving you a harder time than is necessary because he fears losing status in his own home. Capricorn men are leaders and like to feel that their position as the king of their castle is secure and respected by all.

You can maintain your youth by spending time with your friends, colleagues and peers. Interacting with those your age on a regularly scheduled basis will reset you to your real age.

Prevent musty smell



Heloise

Dear Heloise: We live in the Pacific Northwest (where it rains a lot) and leave our home for six months in the winter. We leave the heat set at 50 degrees while we're gone. When we return, the house has a MUSTY SMELL that has invaded the bed linens, drapes and carpets. It takes weeks of cleaning, laundering and airing to get rid of the smell. Is there anything we can do to prevent this from happening? -- **Cher**

in Washington

The blame might be on mold and mildew for that musty smell. But the real key is air circulation. If you have a close friend or family member whom you trust, have that person come by monthly to open up the house and get some air moving. There also are new thermostats that you can program to come on only an hour or so a day, which in your case would be worth the investment.

If you think mold or mildew might be the problem, try installing de-humidifiers with a timer, which will take water out of the air in your home. For more recommendations on handling mold and mildew, visit the Environmental Protection Agency's website at www.epa.gov. -- **Heloise**

APPLIANCE REPAIR

Dear Heloise: Please remind everyone that when you take an appliance to be repaired, you should make sure you record the serial number first. I took my very expensive vacuum cleaner to a manufacturer-authorized repair facility and got the wrong one back. I can't prove that it's not mine, because I did not have the serial number written down, and the repairman did not record the serial number of the machine on the repair bill. Lesson learned. -- **Bobbie, via email**

Thanks for sharing your story, and I'm sorry to hear about your vacuum! This is an important hint, though, for all -- record the serial number, take a picture or mark an appliance in a way that ensures you get the right one returned to you. I say grab the red nail polish! -- **Heloise**

SICK SHEETS

Dear Heloise: When the kids are sick, especially during flu season, it isn't always so easy to kick the lovely bundle of germs out of the bed just to wash the sheets. Instead, I now change the pillowcases daily until the kids are feeling well. This makes them feel slightly better, and I feel better knowing I am cleaning what I can until they are well and I can get all of the bedding cleaned. -- **Ellen G. in Illinois**

LIGHT REMINDER

Dear Heloise: A reader suggested leaving the stove dome light on as a reminder that something is cooking. I use it as a reminder that something needs further attention, such as being placed in the refrigerator after it cools. -- **D.L. in Nebraska**

PRINTER WARNING

Dear Readers: When putting paper in the printer or copier, put a piece of colored paper (like purple!) in between the last five to 10 pieces, and it will alert you that the paper is about to run out. -- **Heloise**

Readers offer uses for tooth fairy's treasure

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "Always His Mom" (Sept. 26), who asked what to do with her grown son's baby teeth. She can contact the college of dentistry close to her and ask if the school would like to have the baby teeth the Tooth Fairy collected.

When I was in dental school, we used deciduous teeth (baby teeth) to study the dental anatomy of children. It's rare to have a complete set from one person, which would make these a good learning aid for students. When I was in school, the deciduous teeth were nearly smooth because of the number of students who had handled them, making them very difficult to identify. -- **DOUG FROM SOLON, IOWA**

DEAR DOUG: Your suggestion to contact a dental school and ask if they would be interested in using the baby teeth as learning aids is sensible. Other readers offered some "unique" ideas on the subject:

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to comment about what to do with those baby teeth. The original reasoning behind the tooth under the pillow custom was to keep witches from getting ahold of them and casting a spell on the child. The traditional disposition of those teeth was straight into the fire! -- **LADAWN IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR ABBY: I had a neighbor with five children. She also kept their baby teeth and was inspired to use them to make a present for her father. At the time, we were into casting things in plastic, so she bought a mold for a toilet seat and embedded all the teeth neatly into it. Her father refused to use it because he said it would be like sitting in a shark's mouth. -- **CAROLE IN GILFORD, N.H.**

DEAR ABBY: My son passed away. His girlfriend was pregnant and had the baby four months later. We had a DNA test done using his baby teeth, which I had saved. It proved he was the father, and the baby, our grandson, is now 10 years old.

Also, with this information, the boy was able to get Social Security benefits for survivors. It was a bit of a struggle, but well worth it. How's that for a good use for baby teeth? -- **GRANDMA IN NEWBURGH, N.Y.**

DEAR ABBY: As I was cleaning out my father's dresser, I found an envelope with a drawing that I had done in kindergarten and another envelope containing a tooth and a note to the Tooth Fairy written in my childish hand.

Imagine how touched I was when I found it -- knowing he had kept these things for nearly a half a century. I think putting the teeth in an envelope for "Always" son to find later on would be a lovely thing to do. -- **SISSY IN LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND**

DEAR ABBY: My favorite Tooth Fairy memory is when my 6-year-old daughter asked if she would hear the "Tooth Fairy's wings flapping" when she came to collect the tooth that had been placed under her pillow. Kids do say the darnedest things, and yes, I still have her teeth and the notes she wrote to the Tooth Fairy. -- **KARIE'S MOM IN ENCINO, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: When my daughter did a science fair project on tooth decay, I let her have the jar of saved teeth for her experiments. She did a thorough research job and a beautiful presentation, earning a blue ribbon. -- **JANICE IN ROCHESTER, WASH.**

DEAR ABBY: When I married, my mother-in-law gifted me with my husband's baby teeth and first curl of hair. It sounds weird, but it gave me a warm, fuzzy kick to receive them. It also was a bonding moment with my "new mom." -- **KERRY IN WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS**

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(3) (WKYC)	News	News	News	Ent	All Night	All Night	Take It All (N) 'PG'		Rock Center	News	Jay Leno	
(4) (WTAE)	News	ABC	Inside	Ent	Last Resort (N) '14'		Grey's Anatomy '14'		(02) Scandal (N) (V)	News	Nightline	
(5) (WEWS)	News	ABC	The List	Let's Ask	Last Resort (N) '14'		Grey's Anatomy '14'		(02) Scandal (N) (V)	News	Nightline	
(8) (WJW)	Fox 8 News at 6PM		News	Big Bang	The X Factor '14'		Glee (N) (V) '14'		News	Big Bang	Seinfeld	
(9) (WTOV)	News (N)	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	All Night	All Night	Take It All (N) 'PG'		Rock Center	News	Jay Leno	
(11) (WPXI)	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	All Night	All Night	Take It All (N) 'PG'		Rock Center	News	Jay Leno	
(17) (WDLT)	Praise the Lord 'Y'		Good	Potters	Behind	J. Osteen	Prince	Hillsong	Praise the Lord 'Y' (V) (V)			
(19) (WOIO)	News	CBS	Wheel	Jeopardy	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest		(01) Elementary '14'	News	Late Sh.	
(21) (WFMY)	News	News	Inside	FamFeud	All Night	All Night	Take It All (N) 'PG'		Rock Center	News	Jay Leno	
(22) (WCWB)	American	Fam. Guy	Simpsons	Seinfeld	White Collar (V) 'PG'		White Collar (V) 'PG'		Friends	Friends	Baggage	Excused
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(27) (WKBN)	First	CBS	Wheel	Jeopardy	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest		(01) Elementary '14'	First	Late Sh.	
(33) (WYTV)	News	ABC	Ent	Insider	Last Resort (N) '14'		Grey's Anatomy '14'		(02) Scandal (N) (V)	News	Nightline	
(43) (WUAB)	Insider	Inside	Two Men	Two Men	White Collar (V) 'PG'		White Collar (V) 'PG'		News	Sports	Dish Nat.	Extra (N)
(49) (WEAO)	Sesame	Opinion	PBS NewsHour (N)		Great Performances		The Phantom of the Opera		'PG' (V)			Business
(53) (WPGH)	Big Bang	Two Men	Big Bang	Two Men	The X Factor '14'		Glee (N) (V) '14'		Channel 11 News	Seinfeld	30 Rock	
(55) (WBNS)	There	Rules	Office	Office	The Vampire Diaries		Beauty & Beast		Friends	Friends	Rules	Raymond
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(AMC)	CSI: Miami (V) '14'		CSI: Miami (V) '14'		Movie: (V) (V) 'Miracle on 34th Street' (V)				(15) Movie: 'Miracle on 34th Street' (V)			
(AP)	Monsters Inside Me		Swamp Wars 'PG'		Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman
(BET)	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N) 'PG'		10 Live (N) 'PG'		Apollo Live (N) 'PG'		Movie: (V) (V) 'We the Party' (2012) (V)				Vndi	
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(CNBC)	Mad Money (N)		The Kudlow Report		Hotel: Marriott		Cruise Inc.		American Greed		Mad Money	
(CNN)	The Situation Room		E. B. OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper		E. B. OutFront	
(CSPN)	(5:00) Public Affairs				Capitol Hill Hearings							
(DISC)	Jungle Gold (V) '14'		Amish Mafia (V) '14'		Amish Mafia (V) '14'		Moonshiners (V) '14'		Ghost Town Gold		Moonshiners (V) '14'	
(DISN)	Phineas	Good	ANT	Gravity	'Santa Clause 3'		ANT		Gravity	Phineas	Jessie	ANT
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(ESPN)	SportsCenter (N)		Audibles (N) (Live)		High School Basketball		High School Basketball				SportsCenter (N)	
(ESPN2)	SportsNation (N)		Women's College Volleyball				Women's College Volleyball				Football	
(FAM)	'The Mistle-Tones'		'National Lamp. Christmas'				Movie: (V) (V) 'The Polar Express'				The 700 Club PG	
(FNC)	Special Report		FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
(FOOD)	Chopped 'G'		Cupcake Wars		Sugar Dome		Sweet Genius		Sweet Genius (N)		The Next Iron Chef	
(FSOH)	Bearcats		Football		Tennis Champions Series: Philadelphia.		Cavaliers		Cavaliers		Bearcats	Game
(GAC)	Ins. -		Rodeo 2012 Wrangler National Finals, Day 7. From Las Vegas.		Ins. -		Rodeo					
(HBO)	Movie: (V) (V) 'Welcome to Mooseport' (V)				Mel Brooks		Movie: (V) (V) 'What's Your Number?' (V)				Katie	Cathouse
(HGTV)	Property Brothers		Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hotel Impossible (N)		Extreme Homes G'		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Extreme Homes G'	
(I)	House (V) '14' (V)		House (V) '14' (V)		House (V) '14' (V)		House PG (V)		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds PG	
(LIFE)	Trading Spouses		Trading Spouses		Project Runway		Project Runway		Abby's Ultimate Dance Competition PG			
(MAX)	Hanna (V) (20) 'The Whole Nine Yards'				Movie: 'What's Love Got to Do With It'				'Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son' (V)			
(MSNBC)	PoliticsNation (N)		Hardball Matthews		The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show	
(MTV)	Catfish: The TV		Teen Mom 2 PG		Jersey Shore '14'		Jersey Shore '14'		Jersey Shore '14'		Jersey	Jersey
(NICK)	Sponge		Sponge		Drake		Drake		Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends
(OVC)	Judith Ripka Sterling Collection				Great Gifts				Judith Ripka Sterling Collection			
(SHOW)	(5:30) Movie: 'Paper Man' (V)				Movie: (V) (V) 'Red' (2010) Bruce Willis.				Movie: 'Sexy Baby' (2012)		Old Porn	Reality
(SYFY)	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next	
(TBN)	Praise the Lord 'Y'		Good	Potters	Behind	J. Osteen	Prince	Hillsong	Praise the Lord 'Y' (V)			
(TCM)	(5:45) Movie: (V) (V) 'Illicit' (V)				Screen		Movie: (V) (V) 'Les Miserables' (1935)		Movie: (V) (V) 'Les Miserables' (1952)			
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(TNN)	Jail '14'		Jail '14'		Jail '14'		Jail PG		IMPACT Wrestling (N) (V) '14' (V)		Ink Master (V) '14'	
(TNT)	The Mentalist '14'		The Mentalist '14'		NBA Basketball: Lakers at Knicks						NBA Basketball	
(TOON)	Gumball		Gumball		Adven		Annoying		MAD PG		Regular	
(TRAV)	Bizarre Foods		Food		Food		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum	
(TRUTV)	Cops '14'		Cops (V)		Wipeout PG (V)		Wipeout PG (V)		Jokers		Jokers	
(TVLAND)	Bonanza		M'A'S'H		M'A'S'H		Cosby		Cosby		Raymond	
(USA)	NCIS (V) PG (V)		NCIS (V) '14' (V)		NCIS (V) '14' (V)		NCIS PG		NCIS 'Secrets' '14'		Burn Notice (N) PG	
(WGN)	Chris		Chris		Funny Home Videos		Mother		Mother		Mother	
(WTBS)	King		King		Seinfeld		Seinfeld		Fam. Guy		Fam. Guy	

Spectacular progress in AIDS treatment



Dr. Donohue

DEAR DRs. DONOHUE AND ROACH: I read your column every day, but I haven't seen anything about HIV. Please tell me what the life expectancy of an infected person is. Is there any hope for someone if the medicines he or she is on stop working? Are there new medicines out there? -- **Anon.**

ANSWER: We have to get a few terms defined so that everyone understands. The virus that causes AIDS is the HIV virus, human immunodeficiency virus. AIDS, the acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is the illness that occurs when the infected person's immune system no longer functions or functions poorly. That happens years after the virus has entered the body.

Many HIV-infected people experience an illness shortly after they're infected, a few days to 10 weeks. This illness consists of some of the following: a sore throat, a body rash, fever, muscle and joint pain, headaches, diarrhea and weight loss. Almost all recover from this initial illness without special treatment.

Roughly 10 years after infection, many infected people come down with AIDS, the illness caused by viral damage to the immune system. A number of rare infections and cancers with peculiar names sprout up: toxoplasmosis, cytomegalovirus infection, pneumocystis infection and Kaposi's sarcoma (a cancer). A large number of patients succumb to these illnesses.

All this is ancient history. Now, a 20-year-old diagnosed as having the HIV virus lives for 50 or more years because of the advances made in treatment. Infected people have close to a normal life span. In the early days, treatment of AIDS required taking many pills at varying

times, and the rules for taking the medicines were difficult to follow. Today, treatment, in the majority of cases is one pill a day. That pill contains three drugs.

Doctors treat HIV-infected people much sooner than they used to. That, along with more-effective medicines, has turned HIV infection into a treatable illness. New drugs are constantly appearing. If a person has a virus that is resistant to a particular drug, substitute drugs are available, and that person also should live a long life.

DEAR DRs. DONOHUE AND ROACH: Why don't women ever become bald? Why do only men grow facial hair? Why does hair turn gray as people age? -- **S.W.**

ANSWER: Some women do become bald. Most, however, have only a thinning of their hair. The reason is that women make much less testosterone (male hormone) than men. Testosterone coupled with inherited genes makes men more likely to lose all their hair. Testosterone promotes facial-hair growth in men. Hair turns gray with age because the production of pigment that colors hair wanes. If only a partial loss of pigment takes place, the hair is gray. A total loss of pigment turns hair white.

DEAR DRs. DONOHUE AND ROACH: I am a man in my early 70s. Five years ago I had an X-ray of my breast because my nipples were tender to the touch. Nothing was found. In the past few weeks, I have had a recurrence of tender nipples. I know men get breast cancer. Should I have another X-ray? -- **R.C.**

ANSWER: The most common cause for tender nipples is chafing from clothes. Nipple tenderness isn't a standard sign of breast cancer. Outright pain, nipples with an open sore, nipple discharge and nipple retraction into the breast are some signs of male breast cancer. The most important sign is a breast lump.

To play it safe, do see your doctor. The doctor will decide if you need a mammogram. I don't think you will.

discuss it directly with them, making contingency plans in case she should outlive you. There are alternatives to retirement homes, including in-home care or one of the children taking Mom in. You, however, are stressed over this and having a rough time. Please talk to your doctor about it.

Dear Annie: This is for "Devastated Daughter," whose father died suddenly. Now she is conflicted about going away to college, because she worries about leaving her mother alone. I agree with your advice that she should go as planned. Here's my message to her:

Dear Daughter: Your concern for your mother is a beautiful testament to your relationship. She is concerned for you, too. The best gift you could give her is to follow your dreams, live according to the values you have learned from a loving family and succeed as an independent young woman. Yes, she may occasionally break down. But she will go on, and it will be much easier if she knows you are OK. --

Thinking of You in the South

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Worries about obese wife's future



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Nancy" for 51 years. The day of our wedding, I was 167 pounds with a full head of hair. Now I am 181 pounds and bald. Nancy was always a Rubens type, which was fine with me. After giving birth to our first child, she lost more than 20 pounds, and even her father was impressed.

However, two more children followed, and her weight went up to what it was before.

Now, at age 75, she is obese. She has trouble with her ankles and can barely move. She refuses to use a cane or a walker. We constantly argue. She is beginning to look ugly to me. I want to leave, but I can't because she cannot live alone.

I am depressed. If I die before she does, she will be on her own because our children work, are struggling financially and have their own kids to raise. They have spoken to their mother about the possibility of a retirement home, and she says, "Absolutely not." What can I do? -- **West Valley**

Dear West: Some of this is not within your control -- your wife's weight and what happens after you die. It is selfish of her to put this type of burden on her children, so you might want to



Salem Choir concert

The Salem High Choirs, under the direction of Attila Samu, are presenting a Holiday Chorale Concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 19 in the high school auditorium. The Choir Boosters are holding a bake sale and a basket raffle. All SHS choir alumni are welcome to join the group on stage in the singing of the “Hallelujah Chorus” from G.F. Handel’s “Messiah.” Pictured are some members of the “En-core” Show-Choir, first row, from left, Nicole Slaven, Allison Moore, Taylor Zamarelli, Lauren Atkinson, Taylor Neely; second row, Billy Erskine, Blake Veglia, Zach Devine, Keaton O’Brien. Admission is free to the public. (Submitted photo)

Christmas care packages

People in recovery from mental illness and the Columbiana County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) combined efforts to provide Christmas care packages to people in need. Food, household supplies, a gift from NAMI and a warm throw are contributed to each individual/family. Pictured is Eunice Burkey, chairman of the Community Involvement Group of People in Recovery. (Submitted photo)



DIGITAL PHOTOS

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- ▶ 200dpi minimum
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- ▶ Head Shots at least 2" wide
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ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

County students to bring change for kids in need

COLUMBIANA — Columbiana County students will be bringing in the nickels, dimes and quarters they have collected to help children in need who don’t have health insurance for today’s fourth annual “Koins for Kids” charitable campaign at Das Dutch Village Inn. This year’s event, sponsored by Handel’s Inc., benefits Akron Children’s Hospital. The inn is designated as the official county drop-off location as well as the host site for the WKBN radio-thon from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the lobby.

WKBN talk-show hosts Mike Romigh, Ron Verb and Dan Rivers will be at the inn for live remote radio broadcasts of their 6 and 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. talk shows. Along with the inn, additional sponsors for the radio-thon include Das Dutch Haus restaurant, Dutch Cupboard, Witmer’s Inc., Whispering Pines Assisted and Independent Living and the Columbiana Area Tourism Bureau. For more information about “Koins for Kids” call Rose Conrad at 330-614-5771.

Food distribution at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church

SALEM — The Second Harvest Food Bank distribution is slated from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church on the corner of Seacrist and Middletown roads.

Benefit spaghetti dinner for family set at Salem Elks

SALEM — The benefit spaghetti dinner for the Olivia Thompson family is scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Elks Lodge on East State Street. Donations will be accepted at the door. To donate food, gift baskets, baked goods, etc., call 330-356-9439 or 330-257-0189.

Community pancake breakfast set Sunday at Zion Hill

COLUMBIANA — A community pancake breakfast will be served from 9 to 10 a.m. Sunday at Zion Hill Church of the Brethren, 14550 New Buffalo Road. The Christmas Advent service follows at 10:30 a.m.

Salem Public Library board meeting set Monday

SALEM — Salem Public Library’s regular board meeting begins at 4:30 p.m. Monday in the board room.

VFW Auxiliary to meet Monday at Salem post

SALEM — The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 892’s meeting and Christmas party starts at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home. No gift exchange is planned, instead a donation will be made to the Salem Salvation Army. Members are asked to bring a finger food for the party.

Goshen 1941 breakfast set at Salem Hills Dec. 18

SALEM — The Goshen High School Class of 1941 will meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. Dec. 18 at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Greenford 1958 to meet for lunch at Salem Hills

GREENFORD — The Greenford High School Class of 1958 will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 20 at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club. All classmates and friends are invited.

Survivors of Suicide to meet at Counseling Center

LISBON — Help Hotline Crisis Center’s support group of the Survivors of Suicide will meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Columbiana County Counseling Center on Route 154. For more information call Help Hotline Crisis Center at 330-424-7767.

Dulci-More Hired Hands concert planned Dec. 21

SALEM — The public is invited to the Hired Hands concert, presented by Dulci-More, at 7 p.m. Dec. 21 in the meeting room of the Dale Shaffer Research Library, 239 S. Lundy Ave. Cost is \$10 per person (an additional \$5 covers all the children in a family). For more information call 234-564-3852.

Concealed carry class set at Salem Hunting Club

SALEM — National Rifle Association certified instructors are teaching a concealed carry class on Dec. 22 at the Salem Hunting Club. An interesting and informative class room, a range experience with emphasis on basic fundamental marksmanship skills and firearm safety are designed to build your confidence on the range. All levels of experience are welcome. For details call 330-332-9847.

Breakfast buffet offered at North Lima church

NORTH LIMA — An all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will be available from 7 to 10 a.m. Dec. 29 at the North Lima Mennonite Church, 90 Mennonite Drive. Donations will be accepted. Items on the buffet include eggs, pancakes, french toast, sausage, potatoes, homemade rolls, sausage gravy and biscuits, peppers and onions, coffee, orange juice, and other beverages. For additional information call the church at 330-549-2333.

New owners want new name for Salem Care Center

SALEM — The Salem Care Center is under new ownership and management and is sponsoring a “new name” contest. The company is currently undergoing renovations, substantially increasing its number of private rooms, creating a state-of-the-art therapy gym, and an elegant dining room to further enhance the lives of its residents and create a home-like atmosphere. Since it is a community rehab center, management believes the community should share in the fun of re-naming the center.

The public is asked to send their submission to: Salem Care Center, 1985 E. Pershing St., Salem, Ohio 44460. The winner of the new name contest will receive a \$250 gift certificate to Giant Eagle. The winner will be announced at the Salem Care Center’s upcoming dedication ceremony to be announced.

KSU Communiversy Choir to perform Saturday

The Kent State Salem Communiversy Choir is practicing for its Christmas concert scheduled at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Kent State University City Center, 230 N. Lincoln Ave. The choir will be joined by members of the bell choir from the First United Methodist Church and the Quaker City Band. Admission is free and open to the public. (Submitted photo)



SALEM AREA ILLUSTRATED MAP

Local artist Craig Wetzel is the illustrator of our community map highlighting businesses in Salem, Washingtonville, Beloit, Damascus, Hanoverton and Alliance.

The map is a beautiful representation of our area, printed on a glossy, heavy stock paper, measuring 27”x40”, suitable for framing.



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Free blood pressure, pulse and
oxygen saturation screenings, 1-
3 p.m., East Palestine Public Li-
brary; provided by Salem Area
Visiting Nurse.

LEETONIA
Leetonia High School classes
1958-61, dinner, 6 p.m., An-
genetta's in Canfield.

Leetonia Student Christmas
Concert, 6 p.m., Leetonia Com-
munity Public Library.

Leetonia Exempted Village
School District Board of Educa-
tion, meeting, 6:30 p.m. Room
20.

LISBON
Deadline to donate items for the
County Sheriff's Office Toy Drive
benefiting Akron Children's Hos-
pital. Donate gifts, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
at the sheriff's office in the court-
house basement, or in the base-
ment at the sheriff's office, 8374
County Home Road.

Beaver Local Board of Educa-
tion, meeting, 5 p.m., administra-
tion building conference room.

NEW WATERFORD
Salem Community Hospital/Lake
Mount Church of Christ co-spon-
soring a blood drive, 2-6 p.m.,
6290 state Route 7. Appoint-
ments, 800-GIVE-LIFE.

SALEM
TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First

United Methodist Church.
Weigh-ins, 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-
332-1127. Handicap accessible.

Kaiser/National retirees and past
employee, breakfast, 8:30 a.m.,
Adele's Place.

United High School Class of
1960, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem
Hills Golf and Country Club.
Salem Kiwanis Club, lunch,
noon, Salem Community Center,
speaker will be Larry Kosiba,
from the Dept. of Housing and
Economic Development Initia-
tives.

Live nativity, 7-9 p.m., Salem
Wesleyan Methodist Church,
1095 Newgarden Ave. Christmas
reading every half hour. Live ani-
mals, caroling, hot cocoa and
cookies. 330-332-1992.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m.,
Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing
St.; 330-853-9311.

Catholic Daughters of the Ameri-
cas, lunch, 11 a.m., Salem Hills
Golf and Country Club.

Salem Area Retirees, Christmas
party, noon, CIO Hall on
Prospect Street.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Washingtonville VFW Post meet-
ing 6 p.m.

FRI/14
BELOIT

Calendar THIS WEEK . . .

"Christmas Carols, Cookies and
Candy Canes" Holiday Show
and Reception, 7 p.m., West
Branch Community Auditorium;
featuring the "Young and Alive"
Show Choir; \$5.

CANFIELD
Pictures with Santa Claus, An-
gels for Animals, 4750 W. South
Range Road, 5-8 p.m.; \$10; free
with adoption.

COLUMBIANA
Holiday concert featuring singer-
songwriter Chip Richter, 7-7:45
p.m., Columbiana Public Library;
no registration necessary.

HANOVERTON
Cookie walk, 6-8 p.m., United
High School cafeteria; \$4 per
dozen.

LISBON
Lepper Library, Family Christmas
Pajama Party, 6-7 p.m. All ages
are invited to come and enjoy
stories, music, crafts and games.
There will a prize for everyone
who wears his or her favorite
PJs. Refreshments will be
served.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m.,
Salem Community Pantry, 794
E. Third St.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little
Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln
Ave.

Deadline to donate new hats for
pediatric patients at Akron-Chil-
dren's Hospital in Boardman;
collection bin at Kent State Uni-
versity, Salem campus, main
lobby area.

Goshen Home Extension, 11
a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Coun-
try Club.

Live nativity, 7-9 p.m., Salem
Wesleyan Methodist Church,
1095 Newgarden Ave. Christmas
reading every half hour. Live ani-

mals, caroling, hot cocoa and
cookies. 330-332-1992.

Salem Community Theatre, 8
p.m., "Honkytonk Angels Holiday
Spectacular." Adults \$14, sen-
iors \$10, students \$8. Informa-
tion and tickets are available by
calling box office at 330-332-
9688.

Addiction recovery, open meet-
ing, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E.
Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

Perry Township Board of
Trustees, special meeting, 9:30
a.m., office of Fiscal Officer
Susan Johnston, 245 N.
Ellsworth Ave., regarding group
insurance policy for 2013.

Second Harvest Food Bank dis-
tribution, 10 a.m.-noon, Bunker
Hill United Methodist Church,
corner of Seacrist and Middle-
town roads.

SAT/15
COLUMBIANA

'Twas the Night Before 5k, Fire-
stone Park, 5 p.m. Registration,
www.active.com or www.SandB-
Foundation.org.

DAMASCUS
All-you-can-eat breakfast, 7-11
a.m., Damascus United
Methodist Church, 300 Valley
Road.

EAST PALESTINE
Benefit spaghetti dinner for Tim
Powers, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Unity
Grange. Cost is \$8 for adults and
\$6 for seniors. For information,
call 330-426-2536.

LEETONIA
Family movie, "Christmas Story
2," 1 p.m., Leetonia Community
Public Library.

NEW MIDDLETOWN
Springfield Tiger basketball fund
raiser cookie walk and Chinese
auction, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Paul's

Church, 10142 Main St.; boxes
provided.

SALEM
Christmas craft show, Slovak
Club, 313 S. Ellsworth Ave., 9
a.m.-4 p.m.; for table space call
330-337-8426.

Benefit spaghetti dinner for the
family of Olivia Sage Thompson,
4-7 p.m., Elks Lodge on East
State Street. Donations ac-
cepted at the door. To donate
food, gift baskets, baked goods,
etc., call 330-356-9439 or 330-
257-0189.

Salem Food Pantry benefit,
Salem Little Quaker Hall, 7-11
p.m., silent auction of local mer-
chant donations. The AZ Guys.
BYOD, snacks and finger foods
provided. \$7 per couple, \$5 per
person. 330-502-1642.

Holiday concert, 7 p.m., Kent
State City Center auditorium,
230 N. Lincoln Ave. Choir is
made up of Kent State stu-
dents and staff, along with area
residents. The concert will in-
clude the bell choir from the
Salem First United Methodist
Church and members of the
Quaker City Bandx. Refresh-
ments will be served following
the concert.

Salem Community Theatre, 8
p.m., "Honkytonk Angels Holiday
Spectacular." Adults \$14, seniors
\$10, students \$8. Information
and tickets are available by call-
ing the Theatre box office at 330-
332-9688.

Dance, 9 p.m.-midnight, Eagles
Club; music provided by Lazy
River.

"Rocking for a Cause this Sea-
son" fund raiser and silent auc-
tion for the Salem Community
Food Pantry, 7-11 p.m., Salem
Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lin-
coln Ave. Music provided by
Theaz Guyz. Snacks and finger
foods provided; \$7 per couple,
\$5 per person.

Kent State Salem Communi-
versity Choir's annual Christmas
concert, 7 p.m., City Center audi-
torium; free admission.

Kent State Salem Communi-
versity's Christmas concert, 7 p.m.,
Kent State University City Cen-
ter, 230 N. Lincoln Ave.; free ad-
mission.

SUN/16
BELOIT

Children's Christmas musical, 10
a.m., "The Mystery of the
Manger. It's the Gospel Truth."
Connecting Point Chapel, 12275
Beloit-Snodes Road. Public wel-
come.

COLUMBIANA
Community pancake breakfast,
9-10 a.m., Zion Hill Church of the
Brethren, 14550 New Buffalo
Road; \$2 for adults, \$1 for chil-
dren. Christmas Advent service,
10:30 a.m.

Community pancake breakfast,
9-10 a.m., Zion Hill Church of the
Brethren, 14550 New Buffalo
Road; Christmas Advent service,
10:30 a.m.

DAMASCUS

Children's choir of the Damascus
United Methodist Church, 300
Valley Road, to present musical,
"Meet Me at the Manger," 10:10
a.m. and 7 p.m.

HANOVERTON

United Local Vocal Music De-
partment's Christmas concert
and cookie sale, 2:30 p.m., high
school auditorium; free admis-
sion.

LISBON

Bingo, 6 p.m., Lisbon Lions Club,
Industrial Park Road; doors open
4 p.m.

SALEM

Salem Community Theatre, 2
p.m., "Honkytonk Angels Holiday
Spectacular." Adults \$14, seniors
\$10, students \$8. Information
and tickets are available by call-
ing the Theatre box office at 330-
332-9688.

Breakfast with Santa, 8-11 a.m.,
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post
892, 496 Arch St.; \$4.

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July 10, 1941 - May 5, 1986
May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
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If you wish select one of the following FREE verses below to accompany your tribute.

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- May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
- Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
- Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
- The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.
- Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy.
- Though out of sight, you'll forever be in heart and mind.
- The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
- May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
- You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
- May God's graces shine over you for all time.
- You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
- We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
- May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.

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Name of loved one: _____

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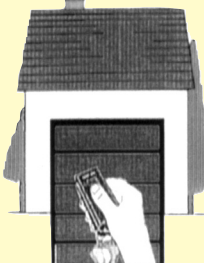
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► NFL



Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Mike Wallace walks off of the field following a game against the Kansas City Chiefs on Monday, Nov. 12, in Pittsburgh. (AP Photo)

Wallace focused on efforts not boos

Uncertain future takes effect on Steeler receivers' mind

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Wallace heard the boos. And the Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver knew it didn't have as much to do with the pass that had just clanged off his hands as with the expectations — self-imposed or otherwise — he just can't seem to meet.

Walking back to the huddle, beating himself up a little bit after failing to hold onto a Ben Roethlisberger heave that would have gotten the Steelers out of an early hole last week against San Diego, Wallace tried not to take it personally.

That doesn't mean he succeeded.

"I think they're out to get me a little bit," Wallace said with a smile.

Then again, the easygoing 26-year-old understands he has no one to blame but himself. Wallace took a calculated risk last summer when he decided to hold out during training camp. Coming off his first Pro Bowl and entering the prime of his career, Wallace didn't want to leave the Steelers as much as he simply wanted to get paid a little more — OK, a lot more — to stay.

When management balked, Wallace reported less than two weeks before the season started and pledged not to let his uncertain future mess with his head.

It hasn't exactly happened.

Sure, Wallace is on pace to match the 72 receptions he put up a year ago and he needs two touchdowns over Pittsburgh's final three games to set a new career-high.

Yet it's the slip-ups — such as a handful of costly drops and a pair of fumbles — that have outweighed the spectacular. Wallace is in the midst of perhaps the most productive season of his four-year career. It just doesn't feel like it.

While the former third-

See WALLACE, 3B

Browns ready for Griffin III

Rookie QB likely to make start in Cleveland

BEREA (AP) — Browns quarterback Brandon Weeden returned from practice to find a green XXXL Baylor University golf shirt hanging in his locker.

Another sign of Robert Griffin III's impending visit. RG3 and America's most-watched knee were the main topics of conversation as the Browns (5-8) began getting ready for Sunday's game

against the Redskins (7-6), who are hoping their starting rookie quarterback will be able to play after straining his right knee on a scary hit three days ago.

Griffin practiced Wednesday, and based on some video highlights of his workout and deliberately vague comments coming from Washington's headquarters in Auburn, Va., it's increasingly likely the multi-dimen-

See BROWNS, 2B



Cleveland Browns quarterback Brandon Weeden gets set to run a play against the Kansas City Chiefs during a game in Cleveland, Sunday. The Browns won 30-7. (AP Photo)

► NBA — CLEVELAND CAN'T WITHSTAND LATE CHARGE

Cavaliers fall

Pacers rally from 16 points down to win

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Pacers were almost unrecognizable in the first half against Cleveland. They bounced back in a historic way after the break.

Paul George scored 27 points and the Pacers held the Cavaliers to 23 points in the second half of a 96-81 victory on Wednesday night. It was the fewest points Indiana has allowed in a half since they joined the NBA in 1976.

"We just made some adjustments to how we're going to guard them on the ball," Pacers forward David West said. "We took away their first option, took away their first initial movement, then made them go to that second round of things that they wanted to do, and they weren't as efficient as they were in the first half."

Indiana, one of the league's best defensive teams, was getting ripped to shreds — trailing by 16 at one point. Only a late surge in the final minutes of the second quarter prevented the game from being a complete disaster for the Pacers, as they pulled to 58-52 at the break.

There wasn't much for Indiana's coaches to say at halftime — they mostly just showed film.

"They kept it short, and when they keep it short, you know what that means," George said. "It's something we have to do better. The

See CAVS, 4B



Jump ball Indiana Pacers' Ben Hansbrough and Cleveland Cavaliers' Tristan Thompson battle for a rebound during the second half Wednesday night in Indianapolis. (AP Photo)

► MLB



Cleveland Indians manager Terry Francona answers questions during a news conference at the baseball winter meetings on Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn. (AP Photo)

Indians happy but seek more

Tribe won't stand pat as winter wears on

CLEVELAND (AP) — General manager Chris Antonetti knows it is going to take more than a new manager and a few added players to get Indians fans fired up.

If nothing else, though, the franchise is taking the proper steps.

"We still have work to do," Antonetti said Wednesday, less than 24 hours after

completing a three-team trade that involved nine players.

Antonetti acknowledged the addition of outfielder Drew Stubbs from Cincinnati and three pitchers, including promising Trevor Bauer, from Arizona doesn't quite get the fans' pulse beating. But the Indians are getting there.

"This is another step forward in our offseason," said

See TRIBE, 2B

► NCAA BASKETBALL



Ohio State's Evan Ravenel shoots over Savannah State's Arnold Louis during the first half Wednesday night in Columbus. (AP Photo)

Buckeyes cruise over Savannah

Thomas scores 22 to lead No. 7 Ohio State

COLUMBUS (AP) — Deshaun Thomas did most of his damage in the first half.

By then, he was just about done, and so was Savannah State.

Thomas scored all but one of his 22 points in the first 20 minutes and No. 7 Ohio State showed its firepower inside and out in beating Savannah State 85-45 on Wednesday night.

"The past couple of games some of the first 3s I took weren't going in," Thomas said, referring to slow starts in lopsided wins over Northern Kentucky and Long Beach State. "Now my teammates are getting me open and I was ready to shoot. It just feels good out there, getting in that rhythm, getting the open spots and just knocking them down."

Savannah State coach Horace Broadnax, a mainstay on the great Georgetown teams of the early 1980s, joked that his players lost track of Thomas.

"I guess we didn't understand the scouting report on Thomas that he could shoot the basketball because we left him open a lot," he said.

There were plenty of others who contributed.

LaQuinton Ross added 13 points and tied a career high with nine rebounds, Shannon Scott had a career-best 12 points to go with four steals and three assists and Evan Ravenel chipped in with 11 points and nine re-

See BUCKEYES, 2B

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SNSPORTS

2CHOICES

Weekly sports poll

Who wins the BCS national championship? Notre Dame or Alabama?



Previously asked

Following their loss to Cleveland, do you think the Steelers will make the postseason?

Yes

No

48%

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WHAT2WATCH

Thursday, Dec. 13

EXTREME SPORTS

7:30 p.m.

NBCSN — Dew Tour, iON Mountain Championships, at Breckenridge, Colo. (same-day tape)

GOLF

6:30 a.m.

TGC — European PGA Tour, Alfred Dunhill Championship, first round, at Mpumalanga, South Africa

9 p.m.

TGC — PGA Tour Australasia, Australian PGA Championship, second round, at Coolumb Beach, Australia

NBA BASKETBALL

8 p.m.

TNT — L.A. Lakers at New York

10:30 p.m.

TNT — San Antonio at Portland

NFL FOOTBALL

8 p.m.

NFL — Cincinnati at Philadelphia

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

7 p.m.

ESPN2 — NCAA, Division I, playoffs, semifinal, teams TBD, at Louisville, Ky.

9 p.m.

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2DAYINSPORTS

Dec. 13

1942 — The Washington Redskins win the NFL Championship with a 14-6 victory over the Chicago Bears.

1981 — John McEnroe and Roscoe Tanner lead the United States to a 3-1 victory over Argentina in the Davis Cup final.

1983 — Detroit beats Denver 186-184 in triple overtime in the highest-scoring game in NBA history. Isiah Thomas scores 47 and John Long adds 41 for the Pistons. Denver's Kiki Vandeweghe had 51 points.

1992 — Manon Rheaume becomes the first woman to play in a regular-season professional game when she appears in the Atlanta Knights' 4-1 loss to Salt Lake City in the International Hockey League.

1995 — Detroit's Paul Coffey becomes the first NHL defenseman to reach 1,000 career assists, setting up Igor Larionov's first-period goal in the Red Wings' 3-1 victory over Chicago.

1997 — Michigan's Charles Woodson is named the first predominantly defensive player to receive the Heisman Trophy in the 63 years of the award. Woodson and the Wolverines go on to defeat Washington State in the 1998 Rose Bowl, claiming a perfect 12-0 season and a share of the National Championship.

1998 — Gary Anderson kicks six field goals, setting the NFL record with 34 straight without a miss, in Minnesota's 38-28 victory over Baltimore.

2000 — Utah guard John Stockton records his 14,000th career assist in the final minute of the Jazz's 111-102 loss to Milwaukee. Stockton, the NBA's career assist leader, becomes one of two players to surpass 10,000 assists. Magic Johnson ended his career with 10,141.

2003 — Mount Union breaks its own NCAA record by winning its 55th consecutive game, beating Bridge-water 66-0 in the NCAA Division III semifinals.

2004 — In Sestriere, Italy, World Cup leader Bode Miller wins a slalom to join Marc Girardelli as the only men to win races in all four disciplines in a season.

PREP ROUNDUP

Salem can't hold on to early lead, falls at Struthers

STRUTHERS — The Salem Lady Quakers took a 26-16 lead into the half against Struthers but were unable to withstand a second half surge as the Lady Wildcats

took a 46-43 win on Wednesday night. Catherine led Salem in scoring with 12 points and added four assists. Cierra Trybend added ten points and nine rebounds while Megan Lehwold and Tori Jones each chipped in with nine points.

The little mistakes the Lady Quakers made began to add up as the game wore on, and an inability to continue to score in the second half disrupted Salem's best game to date.

"Offense is something that we've been struggling with early this season, so I was glad to see my seniors all hit multiple three's tonight," Salem coach Renee Farina said. "That was huge for us to kind of get out of that slump we had been in."

Jones and Stiff each knocked down a trio of 3-pointers for the Lady Quakers, and Lehwold added two more.

"I think it was definitely our best game of the year,"

Farina said. "We just need to continue to improve on what we did tonight." Salem will host Louisville on Saturday.

STRUTHERS: 6 10 14 16 — 46
SALEM: 19 7 6 7 — 43
STRUTHERS SCORING: Ryan 3-2-10, Heferon 4-2-10, Shives 5-1-13, Zupko 3-0-6, Smrek 3-0-7.
TEAM TOTALS: 18, 5-9, 46.
SALEM SCORING: Tori Jones 3-0-9, Megan Lehwold 2-3-9, Catherine Stiff 4-1-12, Julia Dundon 1-0-2, Olivia Stiff 0-1-1, Cierra Trybend 5-0-10
TEAM TOTALS: 15, 5-8, 43.
THREE POINTERS: Struthers 5 (Ryan 2, Shives 2, Smrek), Salem 8 (Jones 3, Stiff 3, Lehwold 2).

West Branch 52, Cardinal Mooney 22

BELOIT — Melinda Trimmer netted a game-high 18 points as the West Branch Lady Warriors took an early 20-9 lead after one quarter and raced to a 52-22 win over Youngstown Cardinal Mooney on Wednesday night. Trimmer also added five assists and four steals on the evening.

Amanda Linhart also reached double figures, tallying 11 points. Pavin Heath and Taryn Hahn each added eight points in the win for West Branch (4-1).

West Branch also won the jayvee game 47-30.

The Lady Warriors are back in action on Saturday

when they host Marlington.

CARDINAL MOONEY: 9 4 5 4 — 22
WEST BRANCH: 20 14 12 6 — 52
CARDINAL MOONEY SCORING: Jamie Domenico 2-2-6, Macy Marlowe 1-1-4, Rachael Rosa 1-1-3, Jaclyn Yankle 0-2-2, Brie Ozengher 1-1-3, Nichole Webber 1-0-2, Lexi Herman 1-0-2.
TEAM TOTALS: 7, 7-10, 22.
WEST BRANCH SCORING: Brittany Bryte 0-2-2, Melinda Trimmer 7-2-18, Pavin Heath 2-4-8, Amanda Linhart 5-0-11, Allie Garrett 0-1-1, Taryn Hahn 3-2-8, Erica Johnson 1-0-2, Lea Bock 1-0-2.
TEAM TOTALS: 19, 11-17, 52.
THREE POINTERS: Cardinal Mooney 1 (Marlowe), West Branch 3 (Trimmer 2, Marlowe 1).

Leetonia 72, Western Reserve 44

BERLIN CENTER — Leetonia knocked off Western Reserve in boys basketball action Wednesday evening by a score of 72-44. Trent Ferry led the bears with 20 pooints. Ian Sevenich added 18 and Cody Valentine chipped in with 16 points. Leetonia knocked down 10 3-pointers on the evening.

The Blue Devils were led by Payton Snyder with 17. Nolan Snyder also chipped in eight points and Joe Wisniewski added six.

Western Reserve takes on McDonald on Friday.

WESTERN RESERVE: 14 16 6 8 — 44
LEETONIA: 21 20 21 10 — 72
WESTERN RESERVE SCORING: Payton Snyder 6-2-17, Dalton Korda 1-0-2, Coleman Smith 1-0-2, Joe Wisniewski 3-0-6, Nick Tobin

1-0-2, Nolan Snyder 3-1-8, Joe Falasca 2-1-5.
TEAM TOTALS: 18, 4-7, 44.
LEETONIA SCORING: Luke Janci 1-0-2, Cody Valentine 6-0-16, Brandon Dattilio 3-0-9, James Shea 1-0-2, Trent Ferry 7-6-20, Ian Sevenich 5-5-18, Josh Faulkner 1-1-3, Shayne Rhodes 1-0-2.
TEAM TOTALS: 25, 12-19, 72.
THREE POINTERS: Western Reserve 4 (P. Snyder 3, N. Snyder), Leetonia 10 (Valentine 4, Dattilio 3, Sevenich 3).

Jr. High Basketball Canton South vs. West Branch

BELOIT — The West Branch 7th grade boys basketball team fell to Canton South 36-22 Wednesday evening. Michael Boosz led the Warriors with six points.

West Branch also lost the 8th grade game 50-38. T.J. DeShields paced West Branch with 20 points.

Carrollton vs. Salem

SALEM — The Salem 8th grade girls topped Carrollton 32-19 Wednesday evening. Chloe Cheresne led the Lady Quakers with 12 points. Clara Janofa added seven points and Chloe Turnbull chipped in with six points. The 8th grade improves to 4-0 this season.

The 7th grade girls lost to Carrollton and fell to 0-4 on the season.

The Lady Quakers are back in action on Monday at Canton South at 5 p.m.

Southern Local vs. Leetonia

LEETONIA — The Leetonia 7th grade boys basketball team topped Southern Local 20-18 in overtime on Wednesday evening. Jacob Joiner and Damon Custer each netted seven points in the win for the Bears. Ethan West paced the Indians with nine and Tanner Utt added six.

Southern Local took the 8th grade game 51-17. Dakota Wetzel led the Indians with 18 points while Michael Domanich added 13. Ian Stecker led Leetonia with eight points followed by tanner Barr with six.

Lisbon vs. South Range

LISBON — South Range knocked off Lisbon 43-13 in 7th grade boys basketball action Wednesday night. Hunter Solvesky led the Raiders with 15 points. Brandon Youngs added 11 points. Branson Brownfield led the Blue Devils in scoring with five points.

In the 8th grade game, Lisbon beat South Range 40-21. The Blue Devils were led by Bailey McCullough who scored 12 points and Jason Thompson with ten points.

Lisbon plays host to Leetonia on Monday.

BUCKEYES FROM 1B

bounds for the Buckeyes (7-1).

Ravenel's revival was particularly encouraging to the Buckeyes. So far this season they have struggled to replace two-time All-American Jared Sullinger, who left after his sophomore season to jump to the Boston Celtics.

Ravenel, Ohio State's only senior, along with sophomores Amir Williams and Trey McDonald, have played well in fits and spurts. But all had decent games against the Tigers, with Williams adding six points on a perfect shooting night to go with four rebounds and McDonald didn't score but had two blocked shots and two rebounds.

The 6-foot-8 Ravenel met with the coaches recently

and asked what he needed to do to produce more. Then he went out and did it.

"Playing hard and playing with energy is what I need to do," he said. "It's not go shoot a thousand shots, it's not go do a million ballhandling drills — it's just playing hard. If I play hard, that's what happens. That's the type of player I am."

The game served as another tuneup for the Buckeyes who are three games into an eight-game homestand that stretches all the way through the Big Ten opener against Nebraska on Jan. 2. They played three of their first five games on the road, including their only loss — a 73-68 loss at No. 2 Duke on Nov. 28.

The next big target game for the Buckeyes is a showdown Dec. 22 against No. 9 Kansas, the team that beat Ohio State 64-62 in the national semifinals last spring.

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Antonetti, vowing to try and complete more moves to enhance what he hopes will be a quick makeover for a team that lost 94 games in 2012. "We still would like to improve our starting pitching and add a corner outfielder."

Dealing Shin-Soo Choo only added to the void in left field, where several players failed to provide enough run production as the Indians flopped miserably in the second half. Michael Brantley or Stubbs, both considered top-notch center fielders, could move to left. Antonetti has had discussions with free agent Nick Swisher, as

well, who could fill Choo's old spot in right.

"We have at-bats available," Antonetti noted, adding that the Indians still don't have a designated hitter after buying out the final year of oft-injured Travis Hafner's contract.

Mark Reynolds, signed to a one-year, \$6 million deal, is expected to be new manager Terry Francona's first baseman. Both Reynolds and Stubbs are high risk-reward players. In 2011, Stubbs led the NL in strikeouts with 205, nine more than Reynolds' AL-leading total for Baltimore. In the three previous years with Arizona, Reynolds averaged 213 strikeouts.

BROWNS FROM 1B

sional QB will play against the Browns.

They never thought otherwise.

"We're preparing for him to play," linebacker D'Qwell Jackson said.

Griffin's playing status may not be known for several days, and Redskins coach Mike Shanahan will probably keep the Browns guessing right up until kickoff. If Griffin can't play, rookie Kirk Cousins, who came off the bench in the final minutes of regulation and helped the Redskins beat Baltimore in overtime last week, will make his first career start.

The Browns will be ready for either scenario.

"We have to prepare for their offense," coach Pat Shurmur said. "It's extremely important that we not try to look at what things are being said. They've got two fine quarterbacks, they are different in style in some ways, but their offense is very effective. They have elements of the drop-back passing game, they have elements of option football and, of course, their running game resembles in a lot of

ways the off-tackle zone stuff that the Shanahans have always been known for."

Griffin's mobility, arm strength, elusiveness and speed present problems unlike any quarterback in the NFL. His ability to tuck the ball and turn up field for big yardage can change a game, and drive a defense crazy. It's nearly impossible to prepare for a QB with his skill set because his talents are so unique.

It's one thing to watch him on tape. Seeing him in person is another matter.

RG3 can make any defense look bad.

"We've got to make sure that we're doing our jobs and make sure that we're sound in the gaps and take care of the little things," said defensive tackle Ahtyba Rubin, "and hopefully he'll fall in our laps and we make some big plays."

Griffin's ability to improvise when a play breaks down is one of his biggest assets. Once he's outside the pocket, he's even more dangerous.

The Browns have to keep Griffin from getting loose, and defensive tackle Phil Taylor said there's a simple way to do that.

"Fire off the ball, whip the O-line's (butt)," he said suc-

"The best way to improve your team," Antonetti said, succinctly, "is to score more runs and allow fewer runs."

He pointed out that Cleveland cut the strikeout total in 2012, but ranked low in run production. A few seasons ago, the Indians led the AL in strikeouts, but were in the top three in scoring.

"I'm not as concerned at how we do it," he said. "But our focus is to score more and allow fewer."

Antonetti also is not worried about Bauer's devotion to a sometimes controversial long-toss program or the 21-year-old's insistence on hitting the weight room hard.

"Trevor works exceptionally hard and is very com-

mitted to being the best pitcher he can be," Antonetti said. "He's spent a lot of time studying how to do that. We're not looking to change him. We're looking to work with him."

The Indians scouted Bauer in high school and again during his career at UCLA. Antonetti said he personally spent two hours with the pitcher before the 2011 draft, when the Diamondbacks made Bauer the No. 3 pick overall. He has gone 13-4 with 200 strikeouts in 156 minor-league innings.

"Trevor has the potential to be a top-of-the-rotation starter," Antonetti said.

Whether or not Bauer be-

Griffin's speed, Browns rookie quarterback Brandon Weeden knows the inherent dangers for a quarterback when decides to become a runner.

"There's a fine line," he said. "You've got to be smart. These guys are fast and they'll hit you and they want to hit us when we're out of the pocket and moving around. They don't get to do that very often."

Weeden said Griffin may have to learn the hard way that running can be risky.

"He's athletic, he trusts his feet, I get it, but you just got to be able to slide sometimes," he said. "Slide and move on to the next play, get what you can get and get down. He's an aggressive competitor. I can't say that's not smart. He's trying to do what he can for his team. Granted, I'll never be anything like that, but first chance I get to slide I'm getting on the ground."

Weeden did just that last week against Kansas City, when he slid at the end of a 15-yard run on Cleveland's first play. He didn't earn any style points, however, as Weeden ripped up a huge piece of grass as he hit the ground. The former minor league pitcher knows he needs some sliding practice,

ing two buckets inside.

Down 42-18 at the break, Savannah State scored seven of the first nine points of the second half but Ohio State started picking up points in transition to stretch the lead, which gradually grew to the final margin.

Scott's 3 with 12:01 left gave the Buckeyes a 64-31 lead — and also surpassed the most points given up by Savannah State this season. The Tigers gave up 62 points in an 84-62 win over Trinity Baptist. They had limited No. 5 Florida to just 58 points in a 58-40 loss on Nov. 20.

It all came down to the Buckeyes flexing their muscles.

"If we have great pace to our offense things will go well," Thomas said. "The one thing coach preached before the game was having passion. And we had passion out there."

gins 2013 in Cleveland's rotation will be decided in spring training.

Right-handers Matt Albers and Bryan Shaw, also acquired from Arizona, will be given the chance to be part of Cleveland's revamped bullpen. Lefties Tony Sipp and Rafael Perez — along with right-hander Esmil Rogers — are gone from a unit that was the strongest part of the Indians in 2012.

"We feel we have some young pitchers ready to contribute and we may add a couple more," Antonetti said. "I don't think we're done making changes quite yet."

"I might get the Slip N Slide back out," he joked. "Going down I felt all right, then all of a sudden I took out a chunk of turf the size of a basketball." Browns rookie wide receiver Josh Gordon played one year with Griffin at Baylor. Nothing Griffin does surprises Gordon, who believes his former teammate will always play fearlessly. "He can continue doing what he's doing," Gordon said. "Perhaps he could maybe cut down on the running. If he has a couple open wide receivers, instead of making a 20-yard run he could make a 20-yard pass. Either way I feel as though he's so fast and so athletic he could really do it, unless he gets hurt again."

NOTES: Browns WR Travis Benjamin was named AFC special teams player of the week for his 93-yard TD return against the Chiefs. He's the first Cleveland rookie to win the award since Andre Davis in 2002. ... KR Josh Cribbs will serve as the team's fourth captain Sunday in maybe his final home game. He's a free agent after this season. "I've put a lot of thought into it," he said. "I'm going to give a little something extra special and try to put on a show."

► **NFL**

Goodell: Bounty players should be punished

IRVING, Texas (AP) — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said he “fundamentally disagrees” with former league boss Paul Tagliabue’s decision not to discipline players in the New Orleans Saints’ bounty scandal.

Speaking Wednesday after an owners meeting in the Dallas area, Goodell said he respected his predecessor’s decision, and believed it backed up the commissioner’s conclusion that the Saints ran a bounty program for three years and covered it up.

But Goodell took issue with Tagliabue vacating the yearlong suspension of linebacker Jonathan Vilma and shorter bans for three other current and former Saints players. In an NFL appeal ruling issued Tuesday, the former commissioner placed much of the blame with the Saints’ coaches and front office.

“I fundamentally disagree that this is something that lies just with coaches and management,” Goodell said. “I do think their leadership position needs to be considered, but I also believe these players were in leadership positions, also.”

Like Vilma, Saints coach Sean Payton received a year-

long suspension. Defensive coordinator Gregg Williams was suspended indefinitely, and assistant Joe Vitt, who is now the interim head coach, was banned for six games. General manager Mickey Loomis got an eight-game suspension.

“My personal view is I hold everyone responsible,” Goodell said. “Player health and safety is an important issue in this league. We’re all going to have to contribute to that, whether you’re a commissioner, whether you’re a coach, whether you’re a player, and we all have to be held accountable for it.”

The 22-page ruling allowed both sides to claim victory more than nine months after the league first revealed the Saints’ bounty scandal to shocked fans, describing a performance pool operated by Williams that, among other things, rewarded hits that injured opponents.

“Frankly, I think everybody’s a winner to get this issue behind us,” Jack-sonville owner Shahid Kahn said.

On Wednesday, Vilma asked a federal judge to allow him to move forward with a defamation lawsuit against Goodell in U.S. District Court in Louisiana. Vilma’s lawyers filed a motion to drop his case against the NFL’s disciplinary process now that his suspen-

sion has been lifted.

Tagliabue didn’t find the players completely without fault, though. He said Vilma and defensive end Will Smith participated in a performance pool that rewarded key plays — including hard tackles — while defensive lineman Anthony Hargrove, following coaches’ orders, helped to cover up the program when interviewed by NFL investigators in 2010.

Vilma and Smith, suspended four games, have been playing for the Saints while the appeals were pending. Hargrove is not with a team. Tagliabue cleared linebacker Scott Fujita, now with the Cleveland Browns but on injured reserve, of conduct detrimental to the league.

“It was a very thoughtful decision, but again my one disappointment is at some point players have to be held accountable, particularly when you find that they did participate in this scheme,” New York Giants co-owner John Mara said.

Tagliabue criticized Saints coaches and the organization by saying they fostered bad behavior and tried to impede the investigation into what the NFL said was a performance pool designed to knock targeted opponents out of games from 2009 to 2011, with thousands of dollars in payouts.

Saints quarterback Drew

Brees blasted Goodell and the league office Wednesday.

“What I would like to see is a level of accountability on the part of the NFL and Commissioner Goodell in regards to mishandling of this entire situation,” Brees said. “We as players hold ourselves and are held to a very strict code of conduct both on and off the field. We have to be accountable to that, as it should be, and I feel like they should be held to the same standards.

“If someone would just come out in the league office and admit, ‘You know what? We could have handled this situation better,’ it would go such a long way with both players and fans. People would really come around to realize what this thing was all about because right now the league office and Commissioner Goodell have very little to no credibility with us as players.”

Goodell rejected Brees’ plea to acknowledge that he mishandled the investigation.

“Commissioner Tagliabue said there’s no one here that should feel good about their role in this with respect to the Saints,” Goodell said. “I think to have a bounty program where you’re targeting players for injury is completely unacceptable in the NFL, and it’s clear that occurred for three years despite all the denials.”

► **GOLF**

Nelson disappointed not chosen Ryder Cup captain

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Larry Nelson thinks it was a great idea for the PGA of America to pick someone older to be Ryder Cup captain.

He’s just disappointed it wasn’t him.

Nelson, a three-time major champion with a 9-3-1 record in three Ryder Cup appearances, said Wednesday on Golf Channel’s “Morning Drive” show that no one from the PGA of America contacted him about being the captain.

“And I do not have a ticket to New York, so apparently it’s not going to be me,” Nelson said.

Golf Digest reported on its website that the PGA of America planned to make Tom Watson the next U.S. captain. It would be the second time that Watson, who will be 65 when the Ryder Cup is played in 2014 at Gleneagles in Scotland, has been a captain. The other time was in 1993, and Watson hasn’t been to a Ryder Cup since then.

“It’s disappointing, certainly not devastating,” Nelson said. “We don’t quite know how the decisions are made and what goes into those. We just have to react to what they are.”

Nelson, a two-time PGA Championship winner, was in line to be Ryder Cup captain until being passed over for Lanny Wadkins in 1995 and Tom Kite in 1997. Nelson was thought to be too far removed from the game to be considered, though there has been a recent push for the 64-year-old Nelson to finally get his chance.

The PGA of America broke from its conventional pick and went with a veteran, but it wasn’t Nelson.

“I think it’s tough because it’s kind of the third time this has happened,” Nelson said. “It seemed to gather more momentum this year than in the past, and I’m certainly appreciative of the thousands of people who tweeted or sent me emails that were hoping this might be the time. I’m flattered by

all that stuff, certainly disappointed. I don’t know why the decision was made the way it was, but you just have to honor that.”

Nelson is a quiet man from Georgia, though his career is remarkable beyond his three majors. He didn’t take up golf until after he returned from the Vietnam War, and he turned in a career worthy of being voted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Watson is celebrated worldwide for his eight majors and epic duels with Jack Nicklaus. He is particularly popular in Scotland, where he won his first major at Carnoustie in 1975. Watson won the British Open five times, four of them in Scotland.

Nelson thought it was a “great decision” for the PGA of America to go away from its mold of picking past major champions in their late 40s who still played on the PGA Tour. It’s just that Watson already had his

chance as captain in 1993, the last time the Americans won a Ryder Cup in Europe. Watson is the first repeat captain since Jack Nicklaus in 1987 at his home course of Muirfield Village.

“Tom will be a two-time captain. That I don’t quite understand,” Nelson said. “Other than that, I think it’s a great way to go.”

Nelson said he wouldn’t be interested in being an assistant captain.

“There are a lot of people who probably have less credentials that have been captain, and a lot of people that have more credentials that haven’t been,” Nelson said. “That puts me in area that it’s not a decision I can make. It’s a decision people I haven’t even talked to made. They make the best decision they possibly can and what they think will help the Ryder Cup. You just have to go with it.

“I’m not totally surprised, just disappointed.

WALLACE FROM 1B

round pick has shown the ability to adapt to offensive coordinator Todd Haley’s short-passing game and he’s accepted the fact there are fewer deep shots to go around, he knows he’s done little to calm critics who viewed his holdout as a betrayal.

“Anything I do is going to be magnified, good, bad, it doesn’t really matter,” he said. “I’ve just got to do what I need to do and I don’t give anybody a reason to say anything. Whatever happens I take full responsibility for it.”

And to be honest, he’s OK with it.

“I don’t want nobody to ever say it’s enough,” he said. “I always want somebody to have a knock on me. Always, because it’s always going to make me a better player and it’s always going to give me something to strive for.”

Even if, at the moment, Wallace is content with striving to avoid the kind of mental miscues that have cost the Steelers (7-6) this season. They are, after all, tied with Cincinnati for the AFC’s last wild card spot heading into Sunday’s game in Dallas (7-6) and could be in a better place.

Wallace has six drops this season, tied for 16th most in the NFL. The names higher on that list include Wes Welker, Calvin Johnson and Dez Bryant.

The difference, of course, is that none of those guys skipped training camp, and Wallace knows it.

“I made the bed,” he said.

“I’ll lie in it.”

No matter how uncomfortable it can get.

Wallace raised eyebrows last week when he admitted to having his mind wander during games. Looking back, he admits he probably should have kept that to himself.

“When you’re not getting the ball into the games sometime you might get a little frustrated and lose focus in the game, not on the game, but sometimes you get mentally not focused on the things you always need to be focused on,” he said.

It certainly looked that way against the Chargers. Backed up deep in their own end in the second quarter, Roethlisberger tested his sprained right shoulder and flung it as far as he could. Wallace had a step on the defender and stretched to haul it in, only to have it bounce off his hands to the turf.

Though Wallace rebounded to catch seven passes for 112 yards and two scores, it’s the one he couldn’t bring in that stuck with him afterward.

“All I keep thinking about was the drop I had,” Wallace said. “But you can’t dwell on that.”

Besides, there’s plenty of other things to think about, including the future. Wallace has tried to block out what will happen once the season ends, adding it would be “selfish” if he started wondering where he’ll be playing next year.

Maybe, but with 2013 fast approaching, there’s a real chance Wallace could be playing his final games in Pittsburgh.

The Steelers signed team-

mate Antonio Brown to a contract extension while Wallace was working out by himself in Florida. And the rapid development of Emmanuel Sanders combined with the money Wallace could earn on the open market makes the prospect of Wallace sticking around seem unlikely.

If time is growing short, Wallace is trying to make it count. So is his quarterback.

“He has all the confidence in himself and we have it in him,” Roethlisberger said. “We’re confident that he’s going to come out and be great. There’s never a second thought in my mind about it.”

In Wallace’s either.

“It’s not like I’m out here dropping every pass,” he

said. “I made a lot of plays, too, as well. But I definitely would like to make every single play on the field.

“I’ve just got to keep working at it and I think things will go my way.”

NOTES: LB James Harrison (illness) did not practice on Wednesday ... S Troy Polamalu was held out of practice but it was not injury related ... LB LaMarr Woodley, who has missed the last two games with an ankle injury, was a full participant ... Coach Mike Tomlin met with RB Rashard Mendenhall to talk about the one-game suspension Mendenhall received for conduct detrimental to the team. Tomlin called the meeting productive.

AROUND THE HORN



A roundup of sports in the region and across the nation

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Winter adult volleyball league set

SALEM — Registration is now open through Dec. 17 for the upcoming Winter Adult Co-ed Volleyball League. The league will run Jan. 6 through March 17 and conclude with a single elimination tournament to determine the league champion. The cost of the league is \$200 and offers both recreational and competitive divisions. Space is limited.

Visit www.salemcommunitycenter.com or call 330-332-5885 for more information.

Friday night adult hoops league

SALEM — The Salem Community Center’s Friday Night Adult Basketball will run every Friday from Dec. 14 through March 29 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 each Friday per player. All money will be collected at Center Circle. There are no teams for this event as it is run as an open gym/pick-up game.

Holiday Skills Clinic

SALEM— The Center Circle Salem Indoor Sports Complex will be holding their annual Holiday Skills Clinics from December 26-28. The Soccer Clinic is open to children ages 6-13 and costs \$20 for the clinic. Space is limited, so those interested are encouraged to register early.

The Soccer Clinic will be held from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. U8 will be held from 9:00AM – 10:00AM. U10 and U12 will be from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. U14 will be from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Basketball Clinic is open to children in grades K-6 and also cost \$20. The Basketball Clinic will be held from 1:00PM – 3:00PM – all ages will report at the same time.

Please register at the SCC Front Desk or by phone: 330.332.5885 to ensure your spot.

Ravens defense copes with rash of injuries

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — The once-esteemed defense of the Baltimore Ravens is almost unrecognizable these days.

Many of the unit’s most established players — including Ray Lewis, Terrell Suggs and Lardarius Webb — have sustained serious injuries. Suggs missed first six games of the season on the sideline with a torn right Achilles tendon, returned for a half-dozen games and then sat out last week with a torn right biceps. Lewis has been sidelined since Oct. 14 with a torn right triceps, and Webb is out for the year with a torn ACL.

As a result, the Baltimore defense has been uncharacteristically porous this season, especially in the fourth quarter.

Minor fire at Lambeau Field causes \$5,000 damage

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Construction work at Lambeau Field sparked a minor fire that caused about \$5,000 in damage to the Green Bay Packers stadium.

WLUK-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/VXsWZZ>) workers were cutting a beam near the fourth floor Wednesday when sparks landed inside a wall, igniting foam insulation. The area was evacuated. One firefighter suffered a minor back injury.

Green Bay Fire Lt. Nick Craig says the fire was small but in an unwieldy area. He says fire officials had to proceed slowly because they didn’t want to open the wall and allow the flames an oxygen supply until they had enough water on hand.

The fire happened on Aaron Rodgers Day, a day the state proclaimed in honor of the Packers quarterback because Rodgers wears No. 12 and the date Wednesday was 12-12-12.

NHL, union remain apart on issues and in meetings

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL and the players’ association met with federal mediators, not with each other, in the latest round of fruitless negotiations.

The sides arrived at the same location Wednesday in suburban New Jersey, but never got into a room together. No apparent progress was made, and nothing appears to have been resolved.

“There is no conclusion to this round of the process right now,” NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said on the 88th day of the league’s lockout.

The players’ association has yet to comment on Wednesday’s discussions because it is still meeting.

This would have been the first negotiating session between the sides since talks broke down last Thursday. All games through Dec. 30 have been canceled, or about 43 percent of the season.

Indiana girls prep team wins 107-2

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An Indiana high school girls basketball team routed an opponent 107-2 this week, prompting an official with the state prep sports association to say he never wants to see anything so one-sided again.

Bloomington South coach Larry Winters told the Indianapolis Star (<http://goo.gl/wfavt>) there was no effort to embarrass Arlington or run up the score during Tuesday’s game. He says he played all nine of his players and didn’t stop shooting because “that would have been more embarrassing” to Arlington, whose only points came on a free throw in the second quarter and another in the third.

First-year Arlington coach Ebony Jackson says was disappointed with how Bloomington South (8-1) handled the game. Her team is 0-6 this year and has lost 23 straight games.

Chris Kaufman, the assistant commissioner for the Indiana High School Athletic Association, says “we don’t want to see anything this one-sided” and that most schools try to avoid such a blowout result. There is no “mercy rule” in Indiana, where games are halted when the score gets out of hand.

“I got a ride home from the hospital.”

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American League
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with RHP Joe Blanton and LHP Sean Burnett on two-year contracts.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Elarton on a minor league contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Hector Lopez on a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed C Eli White-side off waivers from Toronto. Agreed to terms with INF/OF Brandon Snyder on a minor league contract.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Claimed RHP Sandy Rosario off waivers from Boston.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed to terms with RHP Mike McClendon and RHP Logan Kensing on minor league contracts.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Grilli on a two-year contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Traded OF/INF Skip Schumaker to the L.A. Dodgers for INF Jake Lemmerman.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with OF Travis Buck, RHP Sean O'Sullivan, RHP Jason Ray, RHP Daniel Stange, INF Gregorio Petit, C Rene Rivera and C Eddy Rodriguez on minor league contracts.

National Basketball Association
NBA — Suspended Sacramento F DeMarcus Cousins one game for striking Dallas F O.J. Mayo in the groin area during Monday's game.
DETROIT PISTONS — Assigned F Khris Middleton and G Kim English to Fort Wayne (NBADL).
NBA Development League
IDAHO STAMPEDE — Waived F Garrett Green. Acquired F Josh Owens.

National Football League
NFL — Fined Minnesota P Chris Kluewe \$5,250 for wearing a message on his uniform promoting Ray Guy for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed QB Kevin Kolb on injured reserve. Signed OL Mike Gibson.

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed RB Zach Brown to the practice squad.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Released WT Lee Ziemba. Placed S Haruki Nakamura on injured reserve. Signed DB Anderson Russell from the practice squad and DB Kamaal McIlwain to the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DT Amobi Okoye to a one-year contract.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Released TE Chase Ford and DB Reggie Jones from the practice squad. Placed DT Josh Brent on the reserve/non-football illness list. Signed DT Brian Schaefering. Signed DB Micah Pellerin to the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS — Placed DT Corey Williams on injured reserve. Signed DT Andre Fluellen. Released DE Kendrick Adams from the practice squad. Signed DT Jimmy Sadler-McQueen to the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Placed RB Donald Brown and FB Robert Hughes on injured reserve. Released RB Alvester Alexander from the practice squad. Signed G Robert Griffin, RB Mewelde Moore and RB Deji Karim. Signed RB Davin Meggett to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed WR Deion Branch. Signed WR Tony Logan to the practice squad.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Released T Fenuki Tupou.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Released C Paul Fenaroli from the practice squad. Signed T Levy Adcock to the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Released RB Kahili Bell.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Placed DT Mike Patterson on the reserve/non-football illness list. Signed FB/TE Emil Iwagwenyi from the practice squad and DT Ronnie Cameron to the practice squad.

ST. LOUIS RAMS — Released DE Mason Brodine from the practice squad. Signed WR Raymond Radoway to the practice squad.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Placed DE Vaughn Martin and S Darrell Stuckey on injured reserve. Re-signed RB Curtis Brinkley. Signed LB Gary Guyton. Released WR Kashif Moore from the practice squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed LB Eric Bakhtiari to a two-year contract.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS — Released LB Joe Holland from the practice squad. Signed CB James Rogers to the practice squad.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed RB Collin Mooney to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
EDMONTON OILERS — Re-assigned RW Cameron Abney from Oklahoma City (AHL) to Stockton (ECHL).

Major League Soccer

CHIVAS USA — Named Jose Luis Sanchez Sola coach. Traded the No. 2 allocation order spot to Portland for the No. 3 spot and a 2013 international slot or second-round draft pick.

MONTREAL IMPACT — Signed M Justin Mapp to a one-year contract.

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES — Traded D Ike Opara to Sporting Kansas City for a 2013 second-round draft pick.

SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Re-signed D Matt Besler.

TORONTO FC — Traded F Ryan Johnson and G Miles Kooic to Portland for G Joe Bendik, a 2013 first-round draft pick and allocation money.

COLLEGE

AKRON — Promoted quarterbacks coach A.J. Milwee to offensive coordinator.

ARKANSAS — Announced RB Knile Davis will enter the NFL draft.

ARKANSAS STATE — Named Bryan Harsin football coach.

DELAWARE — Named Peet Pailion men's volunteer assistant lacrosse coach.

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S — Named Tom Stewart assistant baseball coach.

SOUTH CAROLINA — Announced RB Marcus Latimore will enter the NFL draft.

TENNESSEE TECH — Announced WR DaRick Rogers will enter the NFL draft.

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► CFB NOTES

AP ALL-AMERICANS
FIRST TEAM
Offense

Quarterback — Johnny Manziel, redshirt freshman, 6-foot-1, 200 pounds, Texas A&M.
Running backs — Montee Ball, senior, 5-11, 215, Wisconsin; Ka'Deem Carey, sophomore, 5-10, 197, Arizona.
Tackles — Luke Joeckel, junior, 6-6, 310, Texas A&M; Taylor Lewan, junior, 6-8, 309, Michigan.
Guards — Chance Warmack, senior, 6-3, 320, Alabama; Jonathan Cooper, senior, 6-3, 295, North Carolina.
Center — Barrett Jones, senior, 6-5, 302, Alabama.

Tight end — Zach Ertz, senior, 6-6, 252, Stanford.
Receivers — Marqise Lee, sophomore, 6-0, 195, Southern California; Terrance Williams, senior, 6-2, 205, Baylor.
All-purpose player — Tavon Austin, senior, 5-9, 171, West Virginia.
Kicker — Cairo Santos, junior, 5-8, 160, Tulane.

Defense

Ends — Jadeveon Clowney, sophomore, 6-6, 256, South Carolina; Bjorn Werner, junior, 6-4, 255, Florida State.
Tackles — Star Lotulelei, senior, 6-4, 320, Utah; Will Sutton, junior, 6-1, 267, Arizona State.

Linebackers — Manti Te'o, senior, 6-2, 255, Notre Dame; Jarvis Jones, junior, 6-3, 241, Georgia; C.J. Mosley, junior, 6-2, 232, Alabama.

Cornerbacks — Dee Milliner, junior, 6-1, 199, Alabama; Jordan Poyer, sophomore, 6-0, 172, Oregon State.

Safeties — Phillip Thomas, senior, 6-1, 215, Fresno State; Matt Elam, junior, 5-10, 202, Florida.

Punter — Ryan Allen, senior, 6-2, 215, Louisiana Tech.

SECOND TEAM
OFFENSE

Quarterback — Collin Klein, senior, Kansas State.

Running backs — Kenjon Barner, senior, Oregon; Johnathan Franklin, senior, UCLA.

Tackles — D.J. Fluker, junior, Alabama; David Yankey, junior, Stanford.

Guards — Spencer Long, junior, Nebraska; Cynl Richardson, junior, Baylor.

Center — Dalton Freeman, senior, Clemson.

Tight end — Tyler Eifert, senior, Notre Dame.

Receivers — Stedman Bailey, junior, West Virginia; Quinton Patton, senior, Louisiana Tech.

All-purpose player — Jordan Lynch, junior, Northern Illinois.

Kicker — Dustin Hopkins, senior, Florida State.

DEFENSE

Ends — Damontre Moore, junior, Texas A&M; Stephon Tuitt, sophomore, Notre Dame.

Tackles — Johnathan Hankins, junior, Ohio State; Kawann Short, senior, Purdue.

Linebackers — Kevin Minter, junior, LSU; Anthony Barr, junior, UCLA; Arthur Brown, senior, Kansas State.

Cornerbacks — Johnthan Banks, senior, Mississippi State; Bradley Roby, sophomore, Ohio State.

Safeties — Eric Reid, junior, LSU; Tony Jefferson, junior, Oklahoma.

Punter — Riley Stephenson, senior, BYU.

THIRD TEAM

Quarterback — AJ McCarron, junior, Alabama.

Running backs — Stephon Jefferson, junior, Nevada; Giovanni Bernard, sophomore, North Carolina.

Tackles — Jake Matthews, junior, Texas A&M; Eric Fisher, senior, Central Michigan.

Guards — Larry Warford, senior, Kentucky; Xavier Su'a-Filo, sophomore, UCLA.

Center — Braxton Cave, senior, Notre Dame.

Tight end — Austin Seferian-Jenkins, sophomore, Washington.

Receivers — DeAndre Hopkins, junior, Clemson; Cobi Hamilton, senior, Arkansas.

All-purpose player — Dri Archer, junior, Kent State.

Kicker — Caleb Sturgis, senior, Florida.

Ends — John Simon, senior, Ohio State; Sam Montgomery, junior, LSU.

Tackles — Shariff Floyd, junior, Florida; Chris Jones, senior, Bowling Green.

Linebackers — Khaseem Greene, senior, Rutgers; Trent Murphy, senior, Stanford; Kyle Van Noy, junior, BYU.

Cornerbacks — Ife Ekpre-Okolmu, sophomore, Oregon; Jason Verrett, junior, TCU.

Safeties — Ed Reynolds, junior, Stanford; Ty Zimmerman, junior, Kansas State.

Punter — Kyle Christy, sophomore, Florida.

► TENNIS NOTES

Clijsters beats Venus Williams in farewell game

ANTWERP, Belgium (AP) — Former No. 1 Kim Clijsters ended her career with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Venus Williams in a ceremonial farewell match in Belgium.
Clijsters retired after the U.S. Open but organized a match to thank her fans, 13,000 of whom turned up at Antwerp Sports Palace, including Crown Prince Philippe and Princess Mathilde.
In the light-hearted encounter, Clijsters was destined to win but still wowed the crowd with the play that made her famous before injuries added to her retirement at 29.
Clijsters beat Williams on the way to her last two U.S. Open titles, in 2009 and 2010, and she held a 7-6 edge over the American on the WTA Tour. She also won at Flushing Meadow in 2005 and earned the 2011 Australian Open crown.

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► NASCAR

Earnhardt Jr. gives 2013 car solid review at test

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR spent almost the entire year developing its 2013 car in hopes the "Gen 6" model will dramatically improve the racing.
After his first test drive Tuesday, NASCAR's most popular driver approved of the car.
"This sport is going to be revolutionized again with this car," Dale Earnhardt Jr. said.
That's a ringing endorsement for NASCAR, which stumbled out of the gate with the launch of its 2007 car and never recovered. Drivers were mixed on the "Car of Tomorrow" during its development and the messaging reflected the varying opinions.
When Kyle Busch won the CoT's debut race at Bristol, he panned the car in his victory celebration on live television. He didn't let up in his post-race interviews, likening the car to driving a milk crate, and the car was forever tainted with fans. The CoT was finally retired in last month's season finale.
NASCAR has worked tirelessly this year on orders from chairman Brian France to develop a racier 2013 model, which will officially debut at the season-opening Daytona 500 in February. It's been tested some over the fall, but Charlotte Motor Speedway opened Tuesday for a two-day session attended by 16 drivers.
Among them was Earnhardt, who won 17 races in the "old" car but only two after the CoT was introduced in 2007.
"I think the car has really awesome potential, and I like it already leaps and bounds beyond the CoT," he said. "This car really gives me a lot of sensations that are similar to the old car that we ran 10 years ago. The CoT was just frustrating for me. I had good runs and good races in it and I had races where the car drove well, but I never really connected with that car from the very beginning. Just personally, I didn't really like the car for what it was."

NASCAR strived to give the manufacturers brand identity with the 2013 cars in an effort to make them resemble what the automakers are actually selling in the showrooms.
That's important to Earnhardt.
"You'll stand there and you'll see Fords and Toyotas and Chevrolets driving by, and it's great because everything looks different and everything is recognizable," he said. "You don't have to think about the driver and the team itself to associate with the manufacturer. You look at the car to see it instantly. I can appreciate the cars for that fact. I'm not sure a lot of people realize how important that is, having that instant recognition on a manufacturer for our sport and how much more healthier it is for that happening."

Reigning Sprint Cup champion Brad Keselowski made his debut in a Ford while Matt Kenseth switched to Joe Gibbs Racing and Toyota after 13 years in a Ford with Roush Fenway Racing.
Kenseth tweeted a picture from inside the car, where a Darth Vader mask hung from rearview mirror, and he made a joking reference to moving over to the dark side. Kenseth later admitted to being anxious before arriving at the track and he over-revved his engine before the lunch break, forcing the No. 20 crew to swap engines.

"It was probably the first time I've been nervous in a race car, getting in there and going out for the first time, in as long as I can remember," he said. "I guess it was a good ice-breaker. My last run, I proceeded to go from second gear to first gear and over-revved the engine. So, I think the guys are in love with me right now. Like, 'Where did we find this clown? Give us the other one back.' Other than that it's been good."

Keselowski, back from a brief vacation after collecting his Sprint Cup trophy in Las Vegas, had a whole new look as champion.
Penske Racing switched from Dodge to Ford, and with the manufacturer change came a new paint scheme and firesuit for Keselowski, who is still tinkering on a final design.
After sporting a predominantly blue look the last three years, his new schemes have a heavy white presence.

Keselowski said he's only 80 percent settled on the design.
"It's a work in progress. This is something I'm working on to try to keep up with the Joneses," he said. "All of these Hendrick guys have their new lightweight, cool firesuits and I don't like getting beat on or off the race track. I want to be the best everywhere, so I've got Adidas helping me out. I'm not all the way there."

Keselowski was also working for the first time with new teammate Joey Logano.

► NBA NOTES

Bulls beat 76ers 96-89 for 4th straight road win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Not only were the Chicago Bulls short-handed, they were a bit weary after a tough five-point loss to the Los Angeles Clippers at home on Tuesday night. The Bulls sure didn't look tired or depleted less than 24 hours later.
Joakim Noah scored 21 points, Luol Deng added 19 points and 12 rebounds, and the Bulls won their fourth in a row on the road with a 96-89 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

"We've been fighting all year, but we've let a lot of games slip," Noah said. "But there's a lot of basketball left and we have to keep playing like this. Back-to-back can be tough if you let it. We fought hard and we had everyone here contribute. That's what you need and I thought we were resilient. We went to the basket hard and we went to the glass hard."

Following that home loss, the Bulls traveled to Philadelphia and appeared more rested than the Sixers, who had Tuesday off.

Marco Belinelli had 16 points and Nate Robinson, starting in place of guard Kirk Hinrich, had 14 for Chicago. Hinrich injured his left knee in Tuesday's loss to the Clippers and is listed as day to day.

"In the NBA, you have to play whatever is in front of you," Chicago coach Tom Thibodeau said. "Back-to-back doesn't matter. Readiness to play is huge in this league and tonight, we showed that. We were tough."

Jrue Holiday scored 26 points, Evan Turner added 16 and Thaddeus Young had 13 for Philadelphia. Reserve Spencer Hawes chipped in with 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Nick Young also scored 10 for the Sixers. Down the stretch it was the Sixers who seemed to have heavy legs.

"I thought fatigue was a factor," Philadelphia coach Doug Collins said.

Philadelphia took an 80-79 lead when Holiday knocked down a jumper with 5:20 remaining. But the short-handed Bulls — still playing without All-Star guard Derrick Rose (left knee), as well as guards Richard Hamilton (tom plantar fascia in his left foot) and Hinrich — responded with a 7-0 run to take an 86-80 lead.

Jason Richardson hit a 3-pointer to get the Sixers within three before Deng came right back with a tough driving layup to push the lead back to five.

Deng had one of his worst games of the season with an eight-point effort against the Clippers, but he shook it off to help carry the Bulls to another tough road win.

"Sometimes back-to-back, you feel great, and sometimes, you don't and something is just missing," Deng said. "Tonight, we were ready to bounce back."

The Sixers took a 44-41 lead into halftime despite missing all four of their 3-point attempts and all three of their free throws. Philadelphia shot 46 percent from the field and wound up at 45 percent by the end of the game.

"We just have to continue to execute and put our pulse on the game early," Thaddeus Young said. "If we do that, we'll be fine."

Notes: Bulls' F Carlos Boozer was whistled for a technical foul with 5:41 left in the second quarter. Sixers G Royalty Ivey sat out with strep throat and F Damien Wilkins missed the game with a right calf strain. Noah also had seven rebounds and five assists. Actor Marlon Wayans attended the game.

► OSU BOX

No. 7 OHIO ST. 85, SAVANNAH ST. 45
SAVANNAH ST. (5-5)
Hassan 4-12 1-2-9, J. Smith 3-4 0-0-6, Blackman 1-1 1-2-4, C. Smith 2-4 0-0-4, Hendley 2-3 0-0-4, Burger 1-1 0-0-2, White 0-3 0-0-0, Wilson 0-1 0-0-0, Williams 1-5 0-0-2, Spears 0-1 0-0-0, Loe 6-9 2-5 14. Totals 20-54 4-9 45.
OHIO ST. (7-1)
Thomas 8-17 2-3 22, Thompson 4-7 1-2 9, Ravenel 3-5 5-8 11, Craft 0-4 0-0-0, Smith, Jr. 2-4 2-2 8, Scott 3-3 4-5 12, Ross 5-11 2-2 13, Rogers 0-2 0-0-0, Williams 2-2 2-2 6, Della Valle 1-2 0-0-3, Lorbach 0-0 1-2 1, McDonald 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 28-59 19-26 85.
Halftime: Ohio St. 42-18. 3-Point Goals: Savannah St. 1-10 (Blackman 1-5, Wilson 0-1, Williams 0-2, Hassan 0-2), Ohio St. 10-19 (Thomas 4-8, Scott 2-2, Smith, Jr. 2-2, Della Valle 1-2, Ross 1-2, Thompson 0-1, Craft 0-2). Fouled Out: Louis, J. Smith. Rebounds: Savannah St. 21 (Hassan, Louis 4), Ohio St. 48 (Ravenel, Ross 9). Assists: Savannah St. 6 (Blackman 3), Ohio St. 15 (Craft 6). Total Fouls: Savannah St. 20, Ohio St. 13. A., 13,848.

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need to learn from their second-half failure.

"We have to learn as a young team to know how to carry a lead like we had into the second half," he said. "As the leader of this team, I have to do a better job of setting us down and making that happen."

Perhaps the most excitement in the second half came when Cleveland's Tristan Thompson hit Indiana's Ben Hansbrough with an errant elbow early in the fourth quarter and big brother Tyler stepped in and angrily protected his younger brother. Thompson was issued a flagrant foul and Ben Hansbrough made one of two free throws to give the Pacers an 83-73 lead.

The Pacers remained in control the rest of the way. It was all Cleveland early. The Cavaliers took a 54-38 lead on a jumper by Samardo Samuels with 3:39 left in the first half. Indiana closed the half with a 14-4 run to close the gap to six.

"We were down 16, we felt we were better than that," Indiana coach Frank Vogel said. "You make a calm mental adjustment and get back in the game possession by possession."

George hit a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to 58-57 in the first two minutes of the second half.

► NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	16	5	.762	—
Brooklyn	12	9	.571	4
Boston	11	9	.550	4½
Philadelphia	12	10	.545	4½
Toronto	4	19	.174	13
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	14	6	.700	—
Atlanta	13	6	.684	½
Orlando	8	13	.381	6½
Charlotte	7	14	.333	7½
Washington	3	16	.158	10½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	12	9	.571	—
Milwaukee	11	9	.550	½
Indiana	11	11	.500	1½
Detroit	7	17	.292	6½
Cleveland	5	18	.217	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	18	4	.818	—
Memphis	14	4	.778	2
Dallas	11	10	.524	6½
Houston	10	11	.476	7½
New Orleans	5	16	.238	12½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	18	4	.818	—
Utah	12	10	.545	6
Minnesota	10	9	.526	6½
Denver	11	12	.478	7½
Portland	9	12	.429	8½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	16	6	.727	—
Golden State	15	7	.682	1
L.A. Lakers	9	13	.409	7
Sacramento	7	14	.333	8½
Phoenix	7	15	.318	9

Tuesday's Games
Cleveland 100, L.A. Lakers 94
New York 100, Brooklyn 97
Denver 101, Detroit 94
Washington 77, New Orleans 70
L.A. Clippers 94, Chicago 89

Wednesday's Games
Brooklyn 94, Toronto 88
Indiana 96, Cleveland 81
Atlanta 86, Orlando 80
L.A. Clippers 100, Charlotte 94
Chicago 96, Philadelphia 89
Golden State 97, Miami 95
Houston 99, Washington 93
Minnesota 108, Denver 105
Oklahoma City 92, New Orleans 88
Milwaukee 98, Sacramento 85
Dallas at Boston, (n)
Memphis at Phoenix, (n)
San Antonio at Utah, (n)

Thursday's Games
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New York, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Orlando, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
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Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

► CAVS BOX

CLEVELAND (81)
Gee 0-7 1-2 1, Thompson 2-4 0-1 4, Varejao 0-9 4-4, Irving 4-12 1-2 9, Miles 8-18 6-6 28, Zeller 3-3 2-2 8, Gibson 3-8 0-0 8, Sloan 1-5 2-2 5, Walton 1-3 1-2 3, Samuels 5-11 0-2 10, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Pargo 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 27-81 18-25 81.
INDIANA (96)
George 10-18 4-5 27, West 7-15 4-4 18, Hibbert 1-7 2-2 4, Hill 5-6 6-7 17, Stephenson 4-6 1-1 9, Green 1-8 0-0 2, T.Hansbrough 3-5 1-2 7, Mahinmi 1-4 1-1 3, B.Hansbrough 1-2 3-4 6, Young 1-2 0-0 2, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Pendergast 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 34-83 23-28 96.
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